

Application for NUI Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education 2017



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 Male Female

Mobile / Phone _____

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Email _____

If yes, please provide additional information with your application.

Are you in receipt of funding from other source(s)? Yes No

Have you previously applied for an NUI Scholarship or Prize? Yes No

- If Yes, list the Scholarship or Prize and year of application _____

Qualifications

Classification, for example 1H or 2.1
Institution, for example UCD or UCC

Degree Title	Year conferred	Classification	Institution								
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Research

Research subject area _____

Title of research proposal _____

Proposed venue _____

Academic referees

Academic referee one	Academic referee two
Name _____	Name _____
Institution _____	Institution _____
Address _____	Address _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application must include:
- A Application Form
 - B Research Proposal
 - C Curriculum Vitae
 - D Certified academic transcript(s)
 - E Academic References (x2)
 - F A copy of Research Proposal (Word format) sent to awards@nui.ie

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **31 March 2017.**

I declare that the information set out in this application is correct

Signature _____

Date of signature _____

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Regulations governing the NUI Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education

The National University of Ireland is pleased to invite applications for the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship, offered for competition in 2017. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of a common competition open to NUI graduates. The Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship is an annual scholarship in Education, funded by a bequest from the late Dr Thornton.

1. Value of Scholarship

The value of the Scholarship is €5,000.

2. Objectives

This Scholarship is intended to encourage postgraduate research in the field of Education in a constituent university, Recognised College or a College linked with a constituent university of NUI. The University would wish, through the scholarship, to encourage research related to Irish higher education and accordingly, preference will be given to applications in this area. However, applications will be accepted in relation to projects in any area of educational research.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. Candidates must be graduates, holding any degree of the National University of Ireland (i.e. Bachelors or Masters degrees) and must have been accepted, or have applied for admission, to a research degree at doctoral level in the field of Education in a constituent university or recognised college or college linked with a constituent university of NUI.
- 3.2. Candidates who previously submitted an application for this scholarship and were unsuccessful may only re-apply on one further occasion.

4. Application Procedure

Application forms are available to download at www.nui.ie/awards and should be submitted with the following documentation:

- 4.1. **Research Proposal:** Candidates are required to submit a detailed statement (max. 3,000 words) concerning the research which they propose to undertake during the tenure of the Scholarship.

The statement should include:

- the proposed topic of the research;
- the proposed nature, scope and methodology of the research;
- a preliminary literature review;
- where the research will be conducted and reasons for choosing that centre.

- 4.2. **Curriculum Vitae:** to include academic and other relevant achievements to date.
- 4.3. **Certified Academic Transcripts:** to be submitted for each degree and diploma awarded.
- 4.4. **Reports of Two Academic Referees:** a specific NUI report form (available at www.nui.ie/awards) is to be completed by the referee(s) and (i) returned to the candidate in a sealed envelope or (ii) emailed directly to awards@nui.ie. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the references are submitted to NUI by their referees by the closing date. If references are not submitted by the closing date, a candidate's application may be deemed ineligible for consideration.

5. Selection Process

- 5.1. The NUI Registrar and designated NUI staff will administer the competition for the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education.
- 5.2. Depending on the number of applications, a shortlisting process may be adopted, in which case not all candidates will be called for interview.

- 5.3. Where a shortlisting process is adopted, two independent subject specialists will assess the research proposal of each candidate. The reports of the subject specialists will be made available to the NUI Registrar and will inform the decision on the shortlisting of candidates for interview.
- 5.4. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a Selection Panel to be appointed by NUI.
- 5.5. The Selection Panel will consist of the Heads of Departments/Schools in Education, or their representatives, from each of the constituent universities and will be chaired by an independent specialist. Additional expert(s) may be invited by NUI to sit on a Panel, if required.
- 5.6. The full application and subject specialist reports (where a shortlisting process is adopted) for each shortlisted candidate will be made available to the Selection Panel in advance of the interviews.
- 5.7. Following the interviews, the Selection Panel will finalise its recommendations to the NUI Registrar on the awarding of the Scholarship. The NUI Registrar will inform the successful candidate in writing of the Senate's decision regarding the awarding of the Scholarship.
- 5.8. Candidates whose applications are unsuccessful will be informed of the outcome in writing and offered feedback on the assessment of their application (where applicable).
- 5.9. The decision of the Senate on the awarding of the Studentships will be final.
- 5.10. NUI has an Appeals Process in place to guarantee that the University has acted fairly and reasonably, and followed the appropriate steps in its selection process. Further details can be found on the NUI website.
- 5.11. The candidate who is awarded the Scholarship will be required to present one copy of the completed research to the National University of Ireland.

6. Lodgement of Documents

- 6.1. Applications and associated documentation should be submitted in hard-copy to: The Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, D02 V583. The envelope should state the NUI award being applied for, i.e. Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship.
- 6.2. An electronic copy of the Research Proposal (word format) must also be emailed to: awards@nui.ie.
- 6.3. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday, 31 March 2017**.