



## NUI Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education 2017

### Frequently Asked Questions

The full regulations governing the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education are available to download from the NUI website: [www.nui.ie/awards](http://www.nui.ie/awards).

Further queries can be directed to: [awards@nui.ie](mailto:awards@nui.ie)

#### 1. What is the NUI Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education?

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. NUI would wish 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.

#### 2. Who can apply for this Scholarship?

Candidates who hold any degree of NUI (i.e. bachelors or masters degrees) are eligible to apply.

#### 3. How do I know if I am an NUI graduate?

You are an NUI graduate and eligible to apply if you completed a bachelors or masters degree in one of the following:

**3.1.** NUI constituent university, i.e. UCD, UCC, NUI Galway or Maynooth University.

**3.2.** NUI recognised college, i.e. RCSI (from 1977) and Uversity (from 2013).

**3.3.** Other NUI member institutions, i.e. NCAD (from 1996), St. Angela's College, Sligo (from 1978), Institute of Public Administration (from 2001).

#### 4. I am an international student. Can I apply for the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship?

International students who are NUI graduates and meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the regulations for the competition are welcome to apply for the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship.

#### 5. Can I apply for this Scholarship to fund a masters degree?

No. The Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship is only open to students who are planning to pursue a doctoral degree. It is not intended to fund students on taught masters programmes.

**6. Will a shortlisting process be applied?**

Depending on the number of applications, a shortlisting process may apply. Where it does apply, the eligible applications are subject to independent review by two subject specialists. The results of this process help determine the shortlist of candidates for interview.

**7. When do the interviews take place?**

The interviews are held in the NUI offices in Merrion Square, Dublin 2 and normally take place in May.

**8. Do you provide feedback on applications?**

Candidates will be informed of the outcome of their application in writing and offered feedback on the assessment of their application (where applicable).

**9. If I am unsuccessful, can I apply again?**

Candidates who are unsuccessful in this competition will be able to re-apply on one further occasion only.