



## NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences 2017

### Frequently Asked Questions

The full regulations governing the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences 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 Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences?

The NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences is intended to encourage and support a doctoral graduate of proven academic excellence to advance their scholarly research. It is expected that the research undertaken during the Fellowship will result in a substantial contribution to knowledge, worthy of publication, and contribute to the learning culture in the constituent institutions.

#### 2. How many Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Sciences will be offered in 2017?

In 2017, one NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences is offered to NUI graduates in all branches of the Sciences. The value of the Fellowship will be €80,000 (€40,000 a year for two years).

#### 3. If successful, where will I be based for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences?

The successful candidate may elect to take up the Fellowship in any of the constituent universities or recognised colleges of NUI, subject to the concurrence of the NUI Senate and the institution concerned.

#### 4. If successful, when will I begin the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences?

A start date is usually decided by mutual agreement between the successful candidate, the NUI Registrar and the relevant Head of School in the institution concerned.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**7. My viva is due to take place after the closing date. Am I eligible to apply?**

The closing date for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences competition is **21 April 2017**. Applications will be accepted from candidates who will successfully complete their viva examination by **31 May 2017** and can provide evidence (i.e. academic transcript or letter from Head of School) confirming that they have been formally recommended for a doctoral degree by the university in question no later than **30 June 2017**.

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

Yes, a shortlisting process will 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.

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

The interviews are held in the NUI offices in Merrion Square, Dublin 2 and are expected to take place in July 2017.

**10. When are the results of the Post-Doctoral Fellowship competition made available?**

All candidates are contacted by email following the conclusion of the independent assessment of the applications. At this point, candidates will be informed if they have been invited for interview.

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

Yes. Feedback on the assessment process and the comments of the subject specialists can be made available on request.

**12. Will NUI contact me formally regarding the outcome of my application in the Post-Doctoral Fellowship competition?**

Yes, all candidates are regularly updated regarding the status of their application throughout the assessment process and will be contacted formally regarding the overall outcome of their application when the competition is concluded.