



Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship and Prize in Education 2019

Frequently Asked Questions*

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**Please note: These FAQs are subject to change and further information in the form of updated FAQs will be made available during the competition period.*

The full regulations governing the NUI Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship and Prize in Education are available to download from the NUI website: www.nui.ie/awards.

Further queries can be directed to: awards@nui.ie

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

This Scholarship and Prize are funded by a bequest from the late Dr Mary L Thornton. The Scholarship and Prize are intended to encourage doctoral research within NUI in the field of Education.

2. Who can apply for the Scholarship?

Candidates who have been accepted, or who 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, are eligible to apply.

Candidates do not need to be graduates of NUI to be eligible to apply for this Scholarship and Prize.

3. What are the constituent universities, recognised colleges, and colleges linked with a constituent university of NUI?

You may be eligible to apply if you have been accepted, or have applied for admission, to a research degree at doctoral level in the field of Education in one of the following:

- 3.1. NUI constituent university, i.e. UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, Maynooth University;
- 3.2. NUI recognised college, i.e. RCSI, Institute of Public Administration;
- 3.3. Other NUI member institutions, i.e. Burren College of Art, NCAD, St. Angela's College, Sligo, Shannon College of Hotel Management, Institute of Banking.

4. I am an international student. Can I apply for the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship and Prize in Education?

International students who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Regulations for the competition are welcome to apply for this Scholarship and Prize.

5. Can I apply for this Scholarship and Prize to fund a Masters degree?

No. The Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship and Prize are 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 will 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.

10. Can I apply for the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship and Prize and for the NUI Travelling Studentship Scheme in the same year?

Yes, but candidates who are unsuccessful in these competitions will be able to re-apply on one further occasion only in each competition.