



NUI E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law 2020

Frequently Asked Questions*

**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 E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law 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 E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law?

This Fellowship offers €25,000, to be paid in instalments for up to 18 months, to a doctoral candidate of proven academic excellence at an advanced stage of their studies in any area of International Law in a constituent university of NUI (UCD, UCC, NUI Galway and Maynooth University).

2. Who can apply for this Fellowship?

- Students who are at an advanced stage of their doctoral degree in any area of International Law in a constituent university of NUI are eligible to apply. You can find a list of NUI institutions at: www.nui.ie/links.
- Applications will only be accepted from interested candidates on two occasions.
- **In a change to the Regulations for this Fellowship in 2020, candidates do not need to already hold an NUI degree in order to apply.**

3. I am an international student. Can I apply for the NUI E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law?

International students (EU or non-EU) who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Regulations for the competition are welcome to apply for the Fellowship.

4. Can I apply for this Fellowship to fund a masters degree?

No. This Fellowship is only open to students at an advanced stage of their doctoral degree.

5. I am already in receipt of some funding from another source. Can I apply for the Fellowship?

Yes, but in cases where the successful candidate has other substantial funding, the Senate may take into account the value of the Fellowship to be awarded.

6. Will a shortlisting process be applied?

Yes, there will be a shortlisting process. Submitted Research Proposals will be subject to independent review by two subject specialists. The results of this process help to determine the shortlist of candidates for interview. All candidates will be contacted by email following the conclusion of the assessment of the applications and will be informed if they have been shortlisted for interview.

7. The Regulations provide a list of what to include in the Research Proposal. Do I need to include these points in my Research Proposal in the order they are listed in the Regulations?

No. While these points are to be included in your Research Proposal, the overall layout/structure of this part of your application is up to you.

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9. When will the interviews take place?

The interviews will be held in the NUI offices in Merrion Square, Dublin 2 and are expected to take place in June 2020.

10. Will feedback on applications be provided?

Yes, feedback from the subject specialists can be provided on request once the competition is finished.

11. If I am unsuccessful, can I apply again?

Candidates who are unsuccessful in the E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law competition can re-apply on one further occasion only.

12. Will NUI contact me formally regarding the outcome of my application in the NUI E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law 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.