



NUI Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics 2022

FAQs (ver1_111121)

The full regulations governing the NUI Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics 2022 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 Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics 2022?

This Scheme offers Grants to scholars based in NUI member institutions, to support the organisation of an international conference or symposium.

2. How do I know if I am affiliated with an NUI member institution?

You may be eligible to apply if you are based in one of the following:

- NUI Constituent Universities: UCD; UCC; NUI Galway; Maynooth University.
- Colleges Linked with Constituent Universities: Burren College of Art; NCAD; St. Angela's College, Sligo; Shannon College of Hotel Management; Institute of Banking; Irish Management Institute (IMI).
- NUI Recognised College: RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences; Institute of Public Administration.

3. Do I need to be an NUI graduate in order to be eligible?

No. Candidates do not need to hold an NUI degree to be eligible to apply for this Scheme.

4. Can I submit a joint application with another candidate?

Yes, NUI can accept joint applications. Both candidates must be eligible to apply for the Scheme. Both candidates must submit their own application form, letter of support, transcripts, and CV. One copy of the Grant Proposal and the Abstract will be acceptable.

5. Does NUI have specific criteria in place regarding the eligibility of candidates for the Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics based on nationality or residency?

No. The Regulations and Procedures for this competition do not outline any nationality or residency criteria.

6. Is there any allowance given beyond the five-year cut-off point of 1 January 2017 for the award of the doctoral degree?

An extension to the five-year period following the awarding of the doctoral degree will be considered on the basis of eligible post-PhD career breaks. Career breaks include maternity leave, paternity leave, adoption leave, parental leave, prolonged sick leave and carer's leave. Documentary evidence must be submitted to support the claim and only career breaks of up to 5 years will be considered.

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

No. Applications will only be accepted from candidates who have yet to graduate with their doctoral degree if they can confirm that they have fulfilled all of the formal requirements for the awarding of the doctoral degree by the closing date for the competition (Friday, 7 January 2022).

8. Can I apply if I am currently working full-time in a higher education institution, but only on a temporary or fixed term contract?

Yes. Where a candidate is employed on a temporary contract at the time of application, they are considered eligible to apply.

9. Can I apply again for the NUI Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics if I applied on a previous occasion?

Candidates who previously applied and were unsuccessful may apply again.
Candidates who previously applied and were successful under Stream 1 may apply again.
Candidates who previously applied and were successful under Stream 2 are not eligible to apply.

10. Does my proposed conference/symposium need to be focused on specific themes or certain research areas designated by NUI?

No. NUI welcomes applications from all eligible candidates in all research areas, including multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary areas.

11. Will I receive an acknowledgement of my application?

Yes. All candidates can expect an acknowledgement of their application within one week following the closing date of the competition.

12. Will a shortlisting process be applied?

Depending on the number of applications received, a shortlisting process may apply.

13. Will NUI contact me regarding the outcome of my application?

Yes. All candidates will be contacted regarding the outcome of their application.