

THREE NUI CENTENNIAL POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS in IRISH STUDIES

These special Fellowships are offered in 2008 to celebrate the centenary of the National University of Ireland

REGULATIONS, CONDITIONS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE 2008

1. NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Irish Studies offered for competition in 2008

The National University of Ireland is pleased to invite applications for three NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Irish Studies. The Fellowships are open to scholars across the range of Irish cultural and heritage studies, including Language, Literature, Linguistics, Folklore, History and Archaeology.

Since its establishment in 1908, the National University of Ireland has had a special commitment to education and scholarship in all fields of study in the culture and heritage of Ireland. Accordingly, in the centennial year, NUI is pleased to offer these three special Post-Doctoral fellowships in Irish Studies.

2. Value of Fellowship: €80,000

The value of each Fellowship is **€80,000**, i.e. €40,000 per annum, to be paid in instalments over a two-year period.

3. Objectives

The Fellowships are intended to encourage and support post-doctoral students of proven academic excellence to advance their scholarly research in areas of Irish Studies, as defined above, in the Constituent Universities or Recognised Colleges of NUI. It is expected that, in each case, the research undertaken will result in a substantial contribution to knowledge worthy of publication.

4. Terms and conditions of the Fellowship

4.1 Eligibility

- (i) Graduates holding doctorates of recognised universities and higher education institutions in Ireland and elsewhere and whose doctorates are in any of the areas of Irish Studies, as defined above, are eligible to apply for the Fellowship.
- (ii) Full-time members of staff in the Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges of the NUI *or* of other higher education institutions are not eligible to apply for the Fellowship.

4.2 Tenure

The Post-Doctoral Fellowship will be tenable in NUI. The Fellow may elect to take up the Fellowship in any of the constituent universities or recognised colleges of NUI, subject to the concurrence of the Senate and the institution concerned. The Fellow will be based in a Department/School in one of the NUI institutions.

4.3 Duties

The Fellow will be required to complete a substantial piece of research and publish the results in book form, or as articles in refereed journals, with an acknowledgement of the support received from NUI. In addition, the Fellow will be required to conduct a seminar in the Department/School to which he/she is assigned and/or within the NUI system, and on an occasional basis, to participate in the programmes on offer in the Department/School, subject to the conditions set out below.

4.4 Responsibility to Head of Department/School

The Fellow will be responsible to the Head of the Department/School in the NUI institution to which he/she is assigned, and thereafter to the NUI Senate. The Fellow will be required to report on the progress of his/her work to the head of Department/School, or other designated authority in the institution to which he/she is attached. The Head of Department/School will be required to advise the Senate on the progress of the work. The Fellowship will be renewed at the end of the first year subject to a satisfactory report being received from the Head of Department/School.

4.5 Institutional support

The Department/School to which the Fellow is assigned will provide office space, phone, PC, and the normal facilities available to members of the academic staff in that Department/School. In applying for the Fellowships, candidates are required to indicate any specific facilities required for their research.

4.6 Hours of work

The Fellowship is a full-time one, and the working time is that reasonably required to fulfil the duties of the post, taking account of socially acceptable norms. A Fellow is not entitled to hold any other appointment or undertake any work which, in the opinion of the Senate, may impair or hamper the due discharge of the terms of the Fellowship.

4.7 Fellowship payments

Payments will be made monthly through a bank account of the Fellow's choice, on the last working day of the month, with effect from an agreed date.

4.8 Notice Period

The appointment is terminable at not less than three months' notice in writing, given either by the University or by a Fellow. Any earlier termination date will be subject to agreement with the Head of Department/School in order to take account of the Fellow's current duties and responsibilities.

4.9 Termination of Fellowship and right of appeal

Should the Senate determine that the conditions of a Fellowship are not being fulfilled satisfactorily, it shall reserve the right to terminate the Fellowship. In such circumstances, the Fellow shall have a right of appeal to a sub-committee of the NUI Standing Committee.

5. Application Procedure

(a) Application Forms

Application forms are available from the Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49, Merrion Square, Dublin 2, tel. 014392424, fax 01 4392470, email awards@nui.ie, or www.nui.ie. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 30 May 2008**.

(b) Summary of Research Project to be undertaken during the Fellowship

Candidates are required to submit a detailed statement (1,500 - 2000 words) concerning the research which they propose to undertake during the tenure of the Fellowship, with an indication, where relevant, of any equipment or special facilities essential to the work.

(c) Choice of NUI Institution and Department/School

Candidates should indicate their preferences in relation to the NUI institution(s) and Department(s)/School(s) in which they would wish to be based, giving reasons for their choice(s).

Candidates are required to submit a letter from the Head of Department/School concerned indicating that he/she supports the application and would provide the office space, facilities and resources required if the application is successful.

(d) Curriculum Vitae and Certified Academic Transcript

The Curriculum Vitae should include academic and other relevant achievements to date. The Certified Academic Transcript should include undergraduate and postgraduate results.

(e) Previous grants and publications

Where appropriate, candidates should provide information on previous research grants and scholarly publications.

(f) Referees

Candidates are required to provide the names of two referees. The application form includes a confidential reference form to be given by the candidate to each referee. The completed reference forms are to be returned by the referees direct to NUI by the closing date, Friday, 30 May 2008. **However, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the necessary references are submitted on time to NUI.**

(g) The Selection Process

Following consideration of their written submissions, candidates will be invited to attend for Interview in connection with the award of the Fellowships. Depending on the number of applications received, it may be necessary to shortlist candidates. In that event, not all candidates will be called for interview. It is intended that the interviews will be held in July 2008.

6. Lodgement of Documents

Completed application forms together with **SIX** copies of the (i) Summary of the Research Project, (ii) Curriculum Vitae, (iii) Certified Academic Transcript, (iv) letter of support from the Head of Department/School in the Institution in which the candidate would wish to be based, must be submitted to The Registrar, NUI, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, by **Friday, 30 May 2008**, the closing date for applications.

It should be noted that while faxed or emailed applications and references may be submitted, these should be followed by hard copies in each case.