



UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK

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PhD Scholars Bursary 2017

The Graduate School are offering up to 20 PhD Scholars Bursaries valued at €2000 each to both full-time and part-time PhD Candidates who intend to complete their studies in December 2017.

Criteria and Eligibility

Applications will be accepted on the basis of fulfilment of the following criteria

1. The Bursaries will only be awarded to both full-time and part-time PhD Candidates who have paid full (**4 years**) fees, are **liable for continuation fees** and will complete their studies in December 2017.
2. Only PhD Candidates who may have or intend to submit their final hard bound thesis for the University Examination Board in December 2017 are eligible to apply.
3. Applications from candidates will be considered from Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business, Education where they have a draft version of their thesis completed.
4. Applications from candidates will be considered from Science (including Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences), Engineering and Technology, where they have a full draft version of the methodology and materials and all the results chapters completed and written-up.

Conditions and Process for Allocation

1. Preference will be given to self- funded or partially funded PhD candidates.
2. Arising from the research, preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate that at least one publication where they are the primary author has been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal; (ideally, in an ISI listed journal), within the last six to twelve months.
3. The applications will be assessed by a committee consisting of the Dean, Graduate School and the Assistant Dean's Research. The decision of the committee is final.
4. The applicants shall be notified of the outcome in writing during Late August early September 2017. Deferrals are not allowed.
5. The payment of the bursary to a PhD candidate is contingent on the completion of the examination process and submission of **the final hard bound** thesis to the Graduate School for approval by the University Examination Board in December 2017. The bursaries will not be paid to successful candidates who submit their final hard bound thesis after the aforementioned Examination board.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates are invited to submit an application for a PhD Scholars Bursary (maximum five A4 pages, font size 12) comprising of the following:

- a. Covering letter outlining their registration date, expected submission date and the reasons; including, financial need, for applying for the bursary (maximum one A4 page).
- b. Short curriculum vitae, including, contact details, University examination results/qualifications, conference presentations, publications (maximum one A4 page).
- c. Summary of the postgraduate research area, including a description and the significance of the project, the proposed timeframe of the research, including any publications and a selected bibliography (maximum two A4 pages).
- d. A letter of confirmation that a draft version of the thesis as outlined in the criteria and eligibility above has been completed; signed by the candidate's primary supervisor(s) and Head of Department. (maximum one A4 page).

Submission Details and Deadline

Applications must include **(6 copies collated and stapled; no covers, back to back printing preferred)**.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Graduate School, Level 2; Foundation Building (F2-018). The closing date: **27 July 2017, 5pm**.