



National University of Ireland, Galway
Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh

College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship Global Women's Studies

Terms and Conditions 2010-2011

The College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies at NUI Galway is pleased to offer a CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship in Global Women's Studies commencing in the autumn of 2010, renewable for up to three years.

1. Value:

The Scholarship provides €15,000 per year (exclusive of fees) over a maximum period of 4 years. Successful Scholarship applicants whose fees are paid by an external funding body will receive their stipend net of value of fees. As an example, a Scholarship holder commencing their programme in 2010/11, whose fees are paid by their County Council, will receive €10,725 per annum (= €15,000 - €4,275 (2009/10 figure) fees, paid by the County Council)

2. Eligibility:

To be considered for a Fellowship the applicant will normally be expected to have a high honours Master's degree (first class or higher 2nd class) or to be enrolled in a Master's degree programme. Applications will also be considered from students who hold, or expect to attain before July 2009, a high honours primary degree (first class or higher 2nd class) from a recognised institution in a relevant discipline. Candidates embarking on the first year of their Ph.D. programme or continuing to their second year are eligible to apply. The applicant must also have an established proficiency in English or in Irish. For applicants whose first language is not English or Irish, a language proficiency assessment may be applied.

3. Application Process:

Applications may be completed either in English or Irish.

The Terms and Conditions, PhD Scholarship Application Form and Referee's Form are the main sources of information. **In addition, applicants should consult the website of the Global Women's Studies Programme (www.nuigalway.ie/womens_studies)** to obtain information on preferred CONNECT thematic areas of research. Applications should be addressed to Gillian Browne, Global Women's Studies Programme, 10 Upper Newcastle Road, NUI, Galway. Only completed applications (including all items listed under section 5) will be considered.

The completed form (paper copy) together with relevant supporting materials should be returned by letterpost, postmarked before 17.00 hours on Friday July 9th, 2010.

Note: A complete application must include each of the following items:

1. Completed application form.
2. Research proposal.
3. Sample of Academic Work.
4. Transcript.
5. Referee's Form.

Applications that are incomplete in any way or missing any of the required elements or deemed to be late will be ruled inadmissible.

4. Application Documents

a. Completed application form.

(2 copies (1 paper, 1 electronic), including signed original).

b. Research proposal (typed and not exceeding 2000 words) (2 copies (1 paper, 1 electronic)).

The proposal will include:

- i.** Title and short description of proposed research project (no more than 250 words)
 - Aims and Objectives
 - Central research questions
- ii.** A full description of the research project for which the Fellowship is being sought. This should include a brief outline of how the applicant sees the project developing from year to year.
- iii.** The methodology (investigative and analytic methods) and theoretical framework to be used in the research project, including bibliographical information (no more than 10 items).

c. Sample of academic work (for example, an essay, book review, critique, or selected portion of a larger work) not exceeding 2500 words. (2 copies (1 paper, 1 electronic)).

d. Transcript - Complete, official academic record or transcript(s) relating to undergraduate studies and all formal studies, including postgraduate studies, completed to date (1 copy, certified original).

e. Referee's Form - The completed Report Form of one academic referee, an established academic who is familiar with the academic achievement of the applicant. (1 copy, the signed original, to be provided in a sealed envelope signed across the seal by the referee).

5. The Selection Process:

a. Applications will initially be considered and short listed by the relevant discipline members (Global Women's Studies) who pass on their recommendations to the College Assessment Committee

b. The College Assessment Committee, in consultation with the schools and disciplines of the College, will then examine applications giving priority to the

excellence of the proposal, the academic record of the applicant, and the provision of supervision from within all disciplines

- c. The process is strictly confidential, and representations may not be made on behalf of applicants.
- d. The College Assessment Committee decisions will be final in all cases.
- e. The selection process will be completed and successful candidates will be notified within one month of the July 9th deadline.

6. Conditions of Tenure:

- a. Successful applicants to this scheme will be designated as CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholar in Global Women's Studies and will register in a structured PhD programme of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway before the Scholarship can be drawn down. For further information on the College's structured PhD programmes, see http://www.nuigalway.ie/faculties_departments/arts/structured.html
- b. Scholarships will be awarded for periods of one, two, three or four years, according to the original date of the applicant's registration for the PhD degree with reference to 1 September 2010 and based on satisfactory progress (to be communicated each year by the student's Graduate Research Committee (GRC)).
- c. In the case of students embarking on the first year of their Ph.D. programme, the Scholarship will not be tenable beyond four years in all.
- d. The Scholarship is valid for the year in which it is awarded or renewed. Scholarships may not normally be deferred or otherwise interrupted except in exceptional circumstances, as verified and notified to the GRC, and approved by the Dean.
- e. The value of the Scholarship is €15,000 in each year exclusive of fees. Successful Scholarship applicants whose fees are paid by an external funding body will receive their stipend net of value of fees. As an example, a Scholarship holder commencing their programme in 2010/11, whose fees are paid by their County Council, will receive €10,725 per annum (= €15,000 - €4,275 (2009/10 figure) fees, paid by the County Council).
- f. Scholarships will automatically cease on the submission of the Scholar's PhD. thesis.
- g. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.
- h. Should a Scholar be unable for any reason (including medical reasons) to pursue studies in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship, the Scholar must inform the Dean of the College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies within two weeks of such a situation coming to the Scholar's attention. The Dean of Arts, on appropriate advice, reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the Scholarship.

- i. A Scholar may wish to terminate a Scholarship for personal, professional or other reasons. This should not be done without prior consultation with the GRC and Dean of the College, as it may involve reimbursement by the Scholar to the College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies if the Scholar is unable to justify the funding received up to the date of termination.
- j. All publications, presentations and publicity associated with or arising from the research undertaken by the Scholar while in receipt of the CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship in Global Women's Studies must contain acknowledgement of funding received from the CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship scheme of the College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway.
- k. As part of their doctoral graduate formation, Scholars will be expected to engage during their second, third and fourth years in teaching, or other academic work, that normally will not exceed three contact hours, or the equivalent in other duties, per week.
- l. During their first two years of tenure, the CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholar in Global Women's Studies will be required to prepare an application, under the guidance and advice of their supervisor, for external research funding under the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS) Post-Graduate Scholarship Scheme. If their application is successful their CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship will then be released and will become available for award to another student.
- m. The holder may not be the holder simultaneously of any other scholarship or fellowship.
- n. The CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship in Global Women's Studies will be awarded only to those who are full-time students and who will engage full-time in research during the period of the Scholarship. Scholars will accordingly be prohibited from having paid employment during the tenure of their scholarships.
- o. The CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholar in Global Women's Studies will be members of a structured doctoral programme.
- p. The CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship in Global Women's Studies is held subject to these Terms and Conditions. If any of the above is breached by a Scholarship holder, the College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies will suspend or terminate the Scholarship and/or will require the Scholars to reimburse the College for such payments that have already been made.
- q. Successful applicants will be required to sign a form of consent under the Data Protection Act 1988 in relation to records on data concerning their registration status and academic record.
- r. The award of a CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship in Global Women's Studies is made subject to receipt of funding from various sources. In the event of such funding being reduced or being discontinued the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies the National University of Ireland,

Galway or their agents will not be under any liability to provide funding or to compensate a Scholar for any reduction or cessation of such funding. In addition to the above, in cases where the College Assessment Board think that ethical issues may arise from the research, applicants may be asked to provide:

- s. A written statement to the effect that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal. Successful applications require the approval of the Research Ethics Committee of the National University of Ireland, Galway. The College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies at NUI Galway reserves the right to alter the Conditions of Tenure of the Scholarship at any time.

Please return two (one paper and one electronic) copies of completed documents to:

Ms Gillian Browne,
Global Women's Studies Programme,
10 Upper Newcastle Road,
NUI, Galway NUI Galway,
Galway, Ireland.

Please return the completed application form (paper copy) by letter post, postmarked before 16.00 hours on Friday July 9th, 2010 or by hand by that time. The completed electronic copy of your application should be emailed to Gillian.browne@nuigalway.ie before 17.00 hours on Friday July 9th, 2010.