**School of History PhD Studentship**

Project Title:

Prospective Supervisor:

Undergraduate Degree: (Qualification, Institution, GPA/Final Degree Classification; please also submit an official transcript of your grades)

Masters Degree, if applicable: (Qualification, Institution, GPA/Final Degree Classification; please also submit an official transcript of your grades)

**Personal Statement**

Please highlight any particular information, which has not been included elsewhere in the application, e.g.:

* Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research?
* Why have you proposed this research topic?
* Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skill set that you wish to build?
* Why are you particularly suited to this research field?
* Which of your attributes demonstrate your capability to be a good researcher, e.g. motivation, commitment, thirst for knowledge?

*Max 500 words*

**Career Training and Development Plan**

Please provide a career training and development plan which addresses the following:

* What are your career goals and how would this scholarship help you to achieve them?
* How will you go about acquiring the expert knowledge and transferable skills necessary for your professional development, e.g. technical skills, communication skills, analytical skills?
* How would this scholarship enable you to gain skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector?
* How can the scholarship transform your existing skills in those identified as being required to pursue the chosen career?

*Max 1000 words*

**Abstract**

Please provide an abstract for your proposed research. This will be evaluated by historians although not necessarily by experts in the specific research field

*Max 300 words*

**Description of Research Project**

Please provide details of your proposed research to include (a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project, (b) how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal and (c) how the project will advance state of the art and make a contribution to existing knowledge:

*Max 500 words*

**Research Methodology**

Please detail the research design and methodologies to be employed in carrying out your scholarship which should be described in sufficient detail to demonstrate your thorough understanding of the research topic:

*Max 500 words*

**Research Plan: Milestones and Deliverables**

Please provide a schedule to include (a) milestones and deliverables for completion of the proposed research, (b) risks that might endanger reaching these deliverables and (c) the contingency plans to be put in place in order to mitigate these risks:

*Max 500 words*

**Specialist Knowledge**

Please describe any specialist knowledge or data required to undertake your proposed research, such as language competency, technical skills or use of specialist software. If this knowledge or data is not already in place, details should be provided as to how it will be acquired over the course of the scholarship:

*Max 300 words*

**Research Dissemination:**

Please outline your plans for the dissemination and knowledge exchange of your research, including publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports and outreach activities. Details should also be provided as to how the impact of your research will be measured:

*Max 500 words*

**Supervisor and School of History**

Please outline **your** reasons for choosing your proposed (a) academic supervisor(s) and (b) the School of History, making particular reference to how the chosen supervisor and insitution:

* can support the acquiring of methods and knowledge necessary to completing the proposed project
* can provide any facilities and infrastutures or other supports relevant to completing the proposed project
* can provide an appropriate and comprehensive training programme

*Max 400 words*

**Ethics**

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| Does your research proposal involve any of the following ethical issues of special relevance? | |
| Informed consent |
| Privacy and data protection |
| Use of human biological samples and data |
| Research on animals |
| Research in developing countries |
| Dual use (possible military/terrorist application) |
| None of the above |

Does your research proposal require approval by the School Research Ethics Committee? Please provide a statement detailing the careful consideration you have given to the ethical implications of the proposed research (where ethical issues may arise) and how you plan address these over the course of your scholarship:

*Max 500 words*

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| Does your proposed research involve any of the following? | |
| Humans as the research focus | 🞏 |
| Animals as the research focus | 🞏 |
| Human samples and/or data | 🞏 |
| Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials | 🞏 |
| Research on animals, animal samples and/or data | 🞏 |
| Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers | 🞏 |

**Sex/Gender Dimension**

Please provide a statement detailing whether there is a potential sex/gender dimension to be considered in carrying out your research. If your research involves any of the above, please indicate how potential sex/gender issues will be handled.

*Max 500 words*

**Data Management**

Please provide a data management plan which addresses the following:

* How will data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse?
* How data will be curated and preserved?
* If applicable, how do you plan to make data FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)?
* If data cannot be made available, why?

*Max 300 words*

**School of History PhD Studentship Terms and Conditions**

1. Applicants must have at least a first or upper second-class honours (or equivalent) primary degree and/or the same in a master’s degree. If examination results are not known at the time of application, the School of History may make a provisional offer of a Studentship subject to the student achieving a specified grade in their degree, or such other conditions as the School and University may impose.

2. Applications will be accepted from suitably qualified applicants regardless of nationality or residence. Applicants, however, must make their own visa/consular arrangements to ensure that they are eligible to reside in Ireland for the duration of their studies.

3. The successful applicant must formally enrol into the fulltime PhD programme to start in September 2023.

4. The School of History PhD Studentship provides: 1) an annual stipend of €17,500 for four years; 2) fees at either EU or non-EU level; 3) a research allowance of €2,000 per annum. The successful candidate will be required to tutor an average of 2 hours per week in the autumn and spring trimesters, paid at the hourly tutorial rate. The continuation of the Studentship for the second and subsequent years is dependent on satisfactory performance within the PhD programme and the achievement of the relevant milestones. Failure to progress to Stage Two of the programme within 18 months of registration may result in the suspension or cancellation of the studentship. Renewal of the studentship for the third and fourth years must be accompanied by a written report of the principal supervisor detailing the progression of the student’s studies and their satisfactory nature.

5. All applicants must apply for the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme as a condition for the review of their application ([Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme | Funding | Irish Research Council](https://research.ie/funding/goipg/?f=postgraduate)). Applicants must inform the School of any other scholarship funding applied for and whether successful in the application. If so, they will withdraw from competition for the Scholarship as it may not be held in conjunction with another award.

6: If the holder has not been successful in their first or subsequent application, they will be required to apply for the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme in subsequent years as a condition of holding the School of History PhD Studentship.

7. This Studentship will be awarded only to those who are full-time students and who will engage in full-time in study.

8. Applicants must submit the completed research project application, a CV, academic transcripts, and two academic references by Friday 28 October 2022 to the School of History ([gradhistory@ucd.ie](mailto:gradhistory@ucd.ie)) by email. In making its decision, the selection panel will assess the quality of the research project and the academic record of the applicant. The research proposal and academic record will be given equal weight (50:50) in the assessment criteria. Academic record will be assessed principally on grades and will take account of academic prizes.

9. UCD is committed to the maintenance of the highest ethical standards in its research. Where ethical issues may arise, applicants will be required to submit a written statement to the effect that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal. This statement must further demonstrate the applicant’s proposed resolution of the ethical issues arising. Such applications will be referred to the UCD Ethics Committee. All research should be conducted in accordance with the UCD Code of Good Practice in Research. If a research project requires access to archival material in private custodianship or archival material with restricted access, written evidence of appropriate permission to consult such material must be furnished to as part of the proposal.