



UCD School of History

The Margaret MacCurtain Scholarship in Women's History

Terms and Conditions

Incoming students are eligible to apply.

The Margaret MacCurtain Scholarship in Women's History is a graduate Scholarship in History, University College Dublin. The Scholarship is funded by Professor Maureen Murphy to support graduate work in women's history in UCD. The Scholarship, in the form of a medal and monetary prize of €4,500 and a medal, will be awarded annually.

1. The overall aim is to attract and support students of the highest academic standards to participate in graduate degree programmes in History.
2. Applicants must have at least a first or upper second-class honours primary degree and/or the same in a master's degree, and be qualified for direct admission to a Ph.D. programme. If examination results are not known at the time of application, UCD may make a provisional offer of a Scholarship subject to the student achieving a specified grade in their degree, or such other conditions as the university may impose.
3. 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.
4. Successful Applicants must be formally enrolled by the school by the deadline for application (i.e. Friday, 24th August, 2018).
5. The total value of the Margaret MacCurtain Scholarship is €4,500 per annum and is for a period of one year for MA programme recipients and for one year (renewable) for PhD programme recipients. Successful applicants who do not qualify for any external fee support will in addition have their programme fee paid.
6. All 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 Margaret MacCurtain Scholarship as it may not be held in conjunction with another award.

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

8. The School Selection Board will determine the award recipient(s) based on factors that will include potential, merit and feasibility of the proposed project, the distinction/commitment of the applicant, and the potential contribution of the project to the research programme of the School and to the development of the applicant's career and research skills. Specifically:

PhD applications will be evaluated under the following headings:

- (a) Formal research proposal (no more than 2,500 words)
- (b) Description of the relationship of the project to existing research (no more than 500 words).
- (c) Methodology and research plan (no more than 500 words)
- (d) The applicant's CV
- (e) Contribution to the field (500)

MA applications will be evaluated under the following headings:

- (a) Description of the topic (no more than 500 words)
- (b) Literature review (no more than 250 words).
- (c) Contribution to the field (no more than 250 words)
- (d) The applicant's CV

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 UCD.