

UCD College of Social Sciences and Law Research Scholarships

General Terms and Conditions 2017-18

1. The awards are intended to underline the College of Social Science and Law and University's commitment to research excellence. The overall aim is to attract applicants of the highest academic standards to participate in and expand School-based structured PhD programmes in the College of Social Sciences and Law (CSSL);
2. All applicants (EU and non-EU) will be considered;
3. The total value of the scholarship will be equivalent to the EU fee rate for the relevant School to which an application is being made. Scholarships will be awarded for a period of up to four academic years;
4. Successful scholars may be required to undertake teaching duties (tutorials/ demonstrating etc.) as fulfilment of the Scholarship requirements. This will not exceed 9 hours per week and is only applicable during teaching semesters (1 and 2) of any academic year;
5. The scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship;
6. Existing PhD students are not eligible to apply with the exception of those who are in their first semester of study and have no demonstrable means of support;
7. Applicants must have at least a first or upper second-class honours primary degree and/or master's degree, or the equivalent and be qualified for direct admission to a PhD programme. Provisional offers may be made subject to an applicant achieving the required degree award, or other such conditions that the College Graduate School Board may impose;
8. Applications will be evaluated by the relevant School Admissions Committee on the basis of their merit and relevance to School research priorities;
9. Once scholarship awards are issued, students must indicate acceptance in writing within two weeks of the notification being distributed by the committee. It is the student's responsibility to formally accept the scholarship offer. A non-response will be considered as declining the offer;
10. Successful applicants to this Scholarship Scheme will be designated as 'UCD College of Social Sciences and Law Research Scholars';
11. Applications may be made in either Irish or English. In order to facilitate evaluation by the Selection Board, UCD may have to provide a translation of an application where such has not been provided by the applicant. Applicants are free to submit their own translations with their applications;
12. Applicants must include all relevant supporting materials and non-returnable original transcripts of their academic record. Transcripts can usually be obtained from one of the following offices, or their equivalent: the Registrar, Faculty, or Department/School of the applicant's Institution. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped or endorsed as original copies. Offers will be conditional on receipt of transcripts;
13. Scholarships 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;

14. Should a Scholar be unable for any reason (including medical reasons) to pursue his/her studies in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship, they must inform the relevant School Graduate Director (via his/her supervisor) within two weeks of such a situation coming to their attention. However, given the basis on which Scholarships are awarded, UCD reserves the right to withdraw, suspend, reallocate or seek reimbursement of all or part of the Scholarship;

15. All publicity, including public lectures, publications, print materials and press releases, television and radio advertisements, websites, film, video and audio recordings associated with or arising from the research undertaken by a Scholar while in receipt of a Scholarship must contain acknowledgment of funding received from the 'UCD College of Social Sciences and Law Research Scholarship'.