



## UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science

### PhD/Masters Research Admissions Procedure

#### Application Requirements

Students may be admitted to the MSc / PhD programme at three points during the academic year. The deadlines for SUBMISSION of applications are as follows:

- For September Starts completed applications must be submitted by 31st May
- For January Starts completed applications must be submitted by 31st October
- For May Starts, completed applications must be submitted by 28th February

Entry requires an appropriate primary degree in the health and social sciences. Students with an appropriate Master's degree, equivalent qualifications, considerable academic standing or relevant professional experience may be exempted from Stage 1. Applicants will be interviewed prior to admission.

Applications are subject to completion of the documentation listed below:

1. Completed MSc / PhD / Permit Application Form
2. Certified copies of transcripts of previous academic qualifications
3. References from two referees, commenting specifically on the candidate's academic suitability to pursue a PhD
4. An outline of the proposed area of research fully referenced (not less than 1,500 words)
5. Academic supervisor's name who has agreed to supervise MSc / PhD.



### For International Applicants

6. Whose first language is not English or whose primary degree(s) have been obtained in a country where English is not the official language of instruction, evidence of proficiency in English (IELTS or TOEFL score).

7. Visa status as required (this usually follows Graduate School Board approval)

Documents (1-6) should be emailed to:

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**Deadlines for Applications are listed above. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### MSc / PhD Supervisors

Students may approach academic staff directly with their proposal and a request to supervise their research.

Once the academic member of staff has agreed to supervise the student all new students must be interviewed by a Panel comprising three academic members of staff. This can be conducted by telephone to facilitate international applicants unable to travel.

The interview process is waived under strict conditions where the student is known to the supervisor and has worked closely with them in the past.



### Process following Interview

1. Applicant notified of outcome of interview (conditional offer or rejection) within one week of submitting completed application and accompanying documents.
2. Application submitted by Supervisor to SPHPPS Postgraduate Studies Board for approval
3. Submitted to Graduate School Board for approval
4. Applicant notified of outcome. Registration open