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| **Title of Degree:** | **PhD Politics and International Relations** |
| **Personal Details:**  |
| **Surname:** |  | **First Name:** |  |
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| **Educational Qualifications:** |
| *(University degree(s) awarded and/or expected to be awarded. State class of honours if awarded)* |
| **Title of Award:** | (BA, MA, MSc etc.)  |
| **Date of Attendance:** | **From** (month / year)  | **To** (month / year) |  |
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| **University:** | (Institution’s Name, City, Country)  |
| **Subjects Studied / Specialisation(s)/main topics covered:**  |  |
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| **Overall Result:** | (e.g. GPA, 2H1, XX% out of 100) |
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| **Other Qualifications:** |
| *(Any other relevant qualifications or work experience may be stated here)*

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| **Doctoral Research Proposal (1,500-2,000 words Maximum)***Provisional Thesis Title:*  |
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| **Please submit your proposal as a separate word or pdf document using the following headings:*** Provisional thesis title
* A statement of the research question
* A brief literature review that points to research gaps the PhD project could address
* An outline of theoretical approaches considered
* A brief discussion of the proposed methodology

Please note that your proposal may not be considered if it doesn’t follow the above. |
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| **are you already working with an academic colleague for the purposes of your irc application? (this is mandatory for irc applicants). please state their name(s) below:****To view spire academic profiles** [**click here**](https://www.ucd.ie/spire/research/academicresearchareas/)**potential supervisor:** **potential supervisor:**  |
| **Funding** **are you applying for the** [**irc scholarship**](https://www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivephdstudents/ucdiseulthonohandoctoralscholarship/)**? Y** [ ]  **/ N** [ ] **have you external funding? Y** [ ]  **/ N** [ ]  |
| **please give details of the amount and source****(please note that in order to be eligible for the politics and international relations phd programme, you must either have a honohan scholarship, an irc scholarship or alternative external funding – full fees and appropriate living expenses. the programme does not accept self-funded applicants)**

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| **Signature:** |  |  | **Date:** |  |
| ***Please return completed application forms to: dara.gannon@ucd.ie******Please include with your application the following documentation:**** ***cover letter***
* ***official transcripts of ALL your university record(s)***
* ***CV or resume***
* ***evidence of English language competence if you are a non-native English-speaking applicant and you have NOT obtained previous university degrees from a university in an English-speaking country. You must provide a cert that complies with UCD*** [***Minimum English Language Requirements***](https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/policiesandgeneralregulations/generalrequirements/minimumenglishlanguagerequirements/) ***and the certificate must be no more than 2 years old***
* ***in addition, two academic references should be emailed (by the referees) to dara.gannon@ucd.ie***

***N.B. Incomplete application forms will not be considered. Please see the*** [***Politics and International Relations PhD programme page***](https://www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivephdstudents/phdpoliticsinternationalrelations/) ***for full details of application requirements.*** |