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**Scoil an Pholasáí Shóisialta, na
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PhD in Social Justice

UCD Course Code: W371 (full-time); W372 (part-time)

Information for Prospective Applicants

Applications are submitted online but applicants are advised to contact the School by e-mail or phone with their initial enquiry well before the application deadline.

Applicants are required to submit the following information:

1. A completed online application form; see <http://www.ucd.ie/apply/>
2. A draft research proposal of not more than 10 double-spaced typed pages in length. The proposal should contain the following information:
 - a) a brief statement of the research question/problem to be investigated
 - b) a statement of the aim and objectives of the study
 - c) a brief overview of the context of the study (i.e. a short review of the relevant literature and how this study might advance thinking)
 - d) the rationale for the research in the context of Equality Studies or Gender Studies
 - e) a note on the methodological approach to the study
 - f) a statement of the scope and limitations of the research

Applications are assessed by the academic staff of the UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. The assessment takes account of (a) the academic profile of the applicant (PhD applicants will normally be expected to have a 2nd class grade 1 or 1st class degree at Masters level); (b) the academic merits of the research proposal; and (c) the availability of staff for the supervision and direction of the research.

Students who have not completed an MSc in Equality Studies or an MA in Gender Studies will be required to undertake selected courses from the relevant Master's degree programme as part of their work for their PhD, the selection of which will depend on the student's prior academic profile and research needs. The selection of these and other specialised doctoral courses, which are available as part of the College of Social Sciences and Law graduate programme, will be discussed and agreed with the student's main supervisor. All students are required to attend the fortnightly School PhD Roundtable which runs from September to May of the academic year.

Date for the submission of applications:

For admission in September 2018 please apply by 27 April 2018. Applications will be reviewed by the School in May and applicants informed of the outcome as soon as practicable. All applicants should brief themselves on regulations and conditions of entry as laid out by the University:
<http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/coursefinder/researchprogrammes/>

For information on any administrative matters related to the PhD programme, including fees, timetables and so on please email the School Manger, Elizabeth Hassell: elizabeth.hassell@ucd.ie or call +353-1-7168419

If you wish to discuss your proposal or other academic issues with a staff member please contact Karen Smith by email: karen.m.smith@ucd.ie