

Studentship Title:	Mary Kelly Ad Astra Research Scholarship
Research Area/ Project Title:	Society and the Environment
Location:	Social Science Research Centre
Expected Start Date:	1 st September 2011
Duration:	3 Years
Deadline for Application:	March 31 2011

Research Theme: Proposals may relate to social factors that are seen to contribute to creating environmental problems, the social consequences of such problems and strategies for addressing such problems. The specific issues to which such research could be addressed include the following: environmentalism as a social movement; perceptions of environmental problems and the inequitable social distribution of environmental hazards; environmental justice and social inequality; paradigms of environment and society; environmental knowledge, discourse and policy; environmental conflict, public values and the environment, environmental citizenship.

Research Study The College of Human Sciences, UCD has funded a 3-year ad Astra Research Scholarship for a Ph.D. research proposals relating to the study of the relationship between society and the environment. The successful candidate, with support from a supervisor, would be expected to identify a major topic of interest within this area.

Ad Astra Scholarship: The scholarship is valued at €16,000 per annum. This is comprised of €12,000 as a tax-free scholarship, and €4,000 as remuneration for contributions to the undergraduate teaching programme (not greater than 234 hours per annum). Successful applicants who do not qualify for any external fee support will in addition be supported by a UCD Grant to cover fees. All students are obliged to pay the Student Centre Levy. For further details on the terms and conditions of Ad Astra Scholarships, see <http://www.ucd.ie/humanosciences/graduateschool/currentgraduatestudents/research/adastrasc-holarships/>

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must have a first or upper second class honours primary degree and/or master's degree, or the equivalent, in Sociology or a related discipline and be qualified for direct admission to a Ph.D. programme. In addition to academic excellence, cognisance will be taken of relevant previous professional experience and training.

Applications: Applicants should apply by email to Professor Christopher T. Whelan at the School of Sociology (Christopher.Whelan@ucd.ie). All applications will be acknowledged within 48 hours so if you do not receive an acknowledgement, please re-send. The application should take the form of two Word files:

1. an up-to-date CV with contact details of two relevant referees; and
2. a detailed letter outlining how the candidate's experience matches the eligibility requirements.

Informal enquiries: Please address any informal enquiries to

Professor Christopher T. Whelan, Head of School of Sociology, Christopher.Whelan@ucd.ie