



Technology Transfer, Commercialisation and Intellectual Property Exploitation and Deployment

Applications are invited from students interested in studying for PhD in the area of technology transfer commercialisation and intellectual property exploitation and deployment.

Transfer of knowledge and intellectual property from research organisations and higher education to industry has been identified as a key issue in the development of a world class research and commercialisation environment and a critical element in building a knowledge economy. One of the key themes of the Irish Government's Strategy for Science Technology Innovation (2006) is a necessity for stakeholders to increase their capacity and run rates with respect to technology transfer, commercialisation and IP exploitation.

There are two PhD scholarships are available in this research project.

- A) This project aims to examine the relationship activities of technology transfer and commercialisation from a third level perspective. The project will use a multi-method approach designed to assess the capability and capacity issues of third level institutions with respect to the exploration, exploitation and deployment of intellectual property through various transfer mechanisms. In addition, the project will examine the barriers and obstacles to technology transfer and commercialisation as well as the strategy practices that underpin successful intellectual property exploitation in a third level context. (*ref. PHD010*)

- B) This project aims to examine commercialisation and technology transfer from a people centric perspective. This project aims to understand commercialisation and technology transfer from a principal investigator/ lead researcher perspective. In doing so the project will use a multi-method approach and will assess the perceptions of technology transfer, measure the soft measure effectiveness and the absorptive capacity of principal investigators/lead researchers across nationally funded research programmes. (*ref. PHD011*)

Students should have completed a Master's degree in a related area such as management, economics, commerce, sociology or social policy.

Salary: €16,000 in addition to fees and travel expenses

Informal enquiries about this position may be made to Dr James Cunningham,
Department of Management, J.E. Cairnes Graduate School of Business & Public Policy,
NUI Galway. Email: james.cunningham@nuigalway.ie Tel: +353 (0)91 493472

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a covering letter, full CV and the names and addresses of at least three and not more than five referees by post or email to: Tara Cosgrave, CISC, Cairnes Business School, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.

Email: cisc@nuigalway.ie Tel: +353 (0)91 492817

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, November 30th 2007.



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