

PhD Fellowship in School Leadership, School of Education, NUI Galway

As part of its strategic development and in order to build capacity in key areas in Irish Education, the School of Education NUI Galway is offering **two** dedicated topic-area PhD fellowships in the area of School Leadership (at primary and/or post-primary level) open to both full-time and part-time students. The overall aim of this initiative is to attract applicants of the highest academic standards to participate in and expand the work of the school in the area of school leadership. Applicants must have at least a first or upper second-class honours primary degree and/or master's degree and have significant professional experience in the field of education.

The closing date for applications is August 25th 2016. It is expected that the successful candidates will be in a position to take up the scholarships in the **academic year 2016/2017.**

The total value of the scholarship will be equivalent to the appropriate **EU fee rate** for the School of Education PhD programme. Scholarships will be awarded for a period **up to six academic years** (four years for a fulltime award/ six years for a part time award).

Interested applicants should prepare a PhD proposal and CV using the guidelines below and **email these as one document** directly to education@nuigalway.ie marked *Fellowship Application* FAO *Gerry Mac Ruairc, Professor of Education*

Following the award of the fellowships the successful candidates will need to make an application through the University's PAC system to the School of Education PhD Programme. It will be necessary for the successful candidates to fulfill all the requirements of this process in order to be in a position to avail of the scholarship.

To apply, please send the following to www.nuigalway.ie/education by 25th August 2016.

- Proposal (guidelines below)
- Full academic CV (guidelines below)

Late and incomplete applications cannot be considered.

GUIDELINES ON PROPOSAL

Please prepare a document listing the following:

- 1. Description/ Significance of proposed research** (1000 words max): This section should describe clearly the subject and scope of your research. You should indicate the critical problems or questions you propose to investigate.
- 2. Critical context/ literature review** (1000 words max): This section should describe, as far as you can tell, the extent of the scholarly work already done on your topic. You should be able to explain how your research will challenge or extend this existing knowledge.
- 3. Methodology** (350 words max): Here you should describe the research and critical methodologies you hope to employ, and explain why you have chosen them.
- 4. Bibliography** (200 words max): Give a preliminary indication of the scholarship you expect to examine in developing your theoretical perspectives.
- 5. Personal Statement** (500 words): Explain how/why you are qualified and motivated to carry out this research, and what your career goals are.

GUIDELINES ON CV

Please prepare a document with the following information included:

- Name
- Postal Address
- Email Address
- Primary Degree Results (including dates attended)
- Postgraduate Degree Results (including dates attended)
- Relevant Professional Experience (if applicable)
- Relevant publications/conference presentations (if applicable)

Notes

- 1 The Fellows must be prepared to start in the 2016/2017 academic year. Fellowships may not be deferred.
- 2 Existing PhD students are not eligible for the fellowship award.

- 3 This fellowship cannot be combined with any other scholarship/ fellowship.
- 4 The Fellowship will be renewed annually, subject to satisfactory progress.
- 5 Applications may be made in either Irish or English.
- 6 The successful applicants will be obliged to register with the university via www.pac.ie
- 7 Applicants of any nationality may apply.
- 8 Fellowships do not attract Tax or Social Insurance. Recipients are not employees of the University.
- 9 Applications will be evaluated on the basis of their merit and relevance to School research priorities in the area of School Leadership.
- 10 Once scholarship awards are issued, students must indicate acceptance in writing within two weeks of notification. It is the student's responsibility to formally accept the scholarship offer. A non-response will be considered as declining the offer.
- 11 Should a successful candidate be unable for any reason (including medical reasons) to pursue his/her studies in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the fellowship, they must inform the Head of the School of Education within two weeks of such a situation coming to their attention.
- 12 The completion of the research which is central to the PhD degree remains the primary purpose of the Fellowship. However, as part of their doctoral graduate formation, and with a view to assisting them in the acquisition of skills in the transfer of knowledge and the assessment of students, Fellows will be expected to engage in teaching, or other academic work, that normally will not exceed three contact hours, or the equivalent in other duties, per week.