

Philosophy Research Degrees



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NUIG is committed to maintaining the highest standards of research excellence, and to this end it attaches the highest importance to maintaining an active postgraduate community.

The research culture and code of practice for supervisors in NUIG ensures that research students are well supported and encouraged to become actively involved in the research life of the University and the wider academic field relevant to their chosen study.

A distinctive feature of postgraduate work in philosophy at NUIG is the way all postgraduate programmes involve a high level of individual contact between tutor or supervisor and student. Research students are encouraged to participate in a Certificate programme in Postgraduate Development in which they have the opportunity to develop additional transferable skills.

Research students in Philosophy at NUIG have an excellent record for the successful completion of their degrees and in securing employment in academia, government and in the private sector.

Another strength of Philosophy @ NUIG lies in its combination of diversity with strong areas of specialisation. The philosophy community at NUIG is distinctive in the breadth of its research interests, which means that our lecturers can offer supervision in an unusually wide range of areas. Areas of particular specialisation of department members, include political theory, contemporary ethics, bioethics, philosophy of science, Aristotle, Heidegger, Levinas, Ricoeur, hermeneutics, phenomenology, philosophy of mind, Irish Thought, philosophy of medicine, philosophy of psychiatry.

The National University of Ireland, Galway offers four graduate research degrees in philosophy:
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) full-time
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) part-time
Master of Literature (MLitt) full-time
Master of Literature (MLitt) part-time

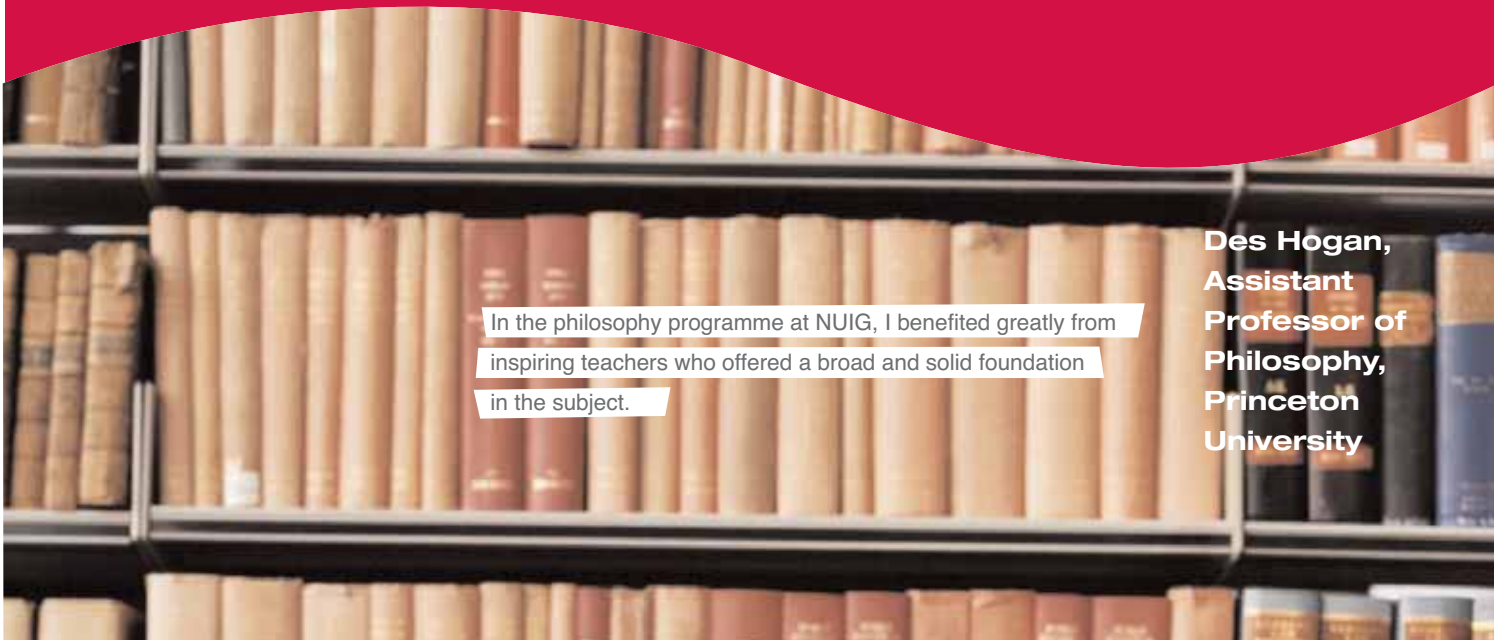
Our postgraduate research programmes aim to provide students with the opportunity to engage in depth in philosophical work. Strengths of the Department's postgraduate programmes include a high-quality pool of competitive students, a core of experienced lecturers and supervisors engaged in internationally leading research, and synergies of topic and approach that enable cross-disciplinary support for postgraduate students across the University.

Why undertake a research degree in Philosophy at NUIG?

Research Areas

In the philosophy programme at NUIG, I benefited greatly from inspiring teachers who offered a broad and solid foundation in the subject.

**Des Hogan,
Assistant
Professor of
Philosophy,
Princeton
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Master of Letters (M.Litt.) Philosophy

The M.Litt. Degree is a "thesis only" programme: it can be acquired by writing a major thesis under the supervision of a member of the Philosophy department at NUIG. This programme accommodates those wishing to build on the undergraduate study of philosophy so as to acquire a more specialised, and deeper, understanding of philosophical issues. In particular, it accommodates those wishing to prepare for doctoral research on a specific philosophical topic.

Aims and objectives

To afford suitably qualified students the opportunity to write a thesis on a philosophical topic, under supervision by a member of the department. The M.Litt. in Philosophy from NUIG can serve as preparation for more advanced graduate study in the field. It can also be pursued for personal enrichment or career enhancement.

Entry requirements

Only applicants with at least a Second Class Honours Grade II degree overall, and with at least a Second Class Honours Grade I in Philosophy, will be considered for admission to the M.Litt. programme. Applications must be accompanied by a research proposal and a sample of written work. Prior to submitting an application we advise applicants to contact the member of the department under whose supervision they intend to work in order to discuss their research proposal.

Upgrade

In the second year of the M.Litt. programme students may apply for upgrade to PhD. Such applications are assessed by a committee of the department with the advice of the external examiner.

Applications available online at www.pac.ie

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

To be awarded a Doctorate in Philosophy is to succeed at the highest level of student qualification. A PhD also is becoming effectively the basic qualification for a career in teaching and research in universities.

The PhD takes a minimum of three years full-time study, or up to five years part-time. It is awarded on the basis of a substantial thesis, which must be seen as making an original contribution to its field. The department welcomes applications from students interested in research in any of the main areas of philosophy. Although any topic in philosophy will be considered, it is advisable to seek supervision of a project that relates to the areas of specialisation of department members.

Entry Requirements

Admission to a PhD programme is dependent on your showing evidence of your capacity to work at the appropriate level. Applicants should have obtained a Master's degree or an equivalent.

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