Information for Applicants

The Ben Bishop PhD Scholarship is a three year full-time award and will provide funding for both the tuition fees and a maintenance grant for the student.

The value of the scholarship is for:

1) the payment of TCD structured PhD full-time student registration for a maximum of three years;
2) a maintenance award of up to €13,000.00 per annum for a maximum of three years.

Scope of the Award

The scholarship will be allocated by open competition as per the School of Education and TCD regulations. Applicants are expected to hold a minimum of a first honours primary degree with other appropriate postgraduate qualification.

The scope of the scholarship will be restricted to the research area of ‘the shifting boundaries of academic work in higher education institutes in Ireland’. In particular, the research should take account of the proposals concerning the mergers of Institutes of Technology and/or the establishment of a Technological University. It is expected that the research will provide an international review of similar restructuring in higher education institutes. The successful applicant will be a member of the School’s Culture, Academic Values in Education Research Centre which specialises in higher education studies and will join a number of doctoral students working in this area.¹

¹ See https://www.tcd.ie/Education/research/centres/cave/
Conditions of Offer

The scholarship is offered subject strictly to the following conditions:

• The holder must be new entrants on the Ph.D. register, available and committed to engage in full-time research and must be registered for a higher degree of PhD in the University of Dublin;

• Income received by applicants from other sources (such as private tuition, research funding), can be to the maximum annual income level of €18,000 excluding fees but including the studentship maintenance. The receipt of any additional funding must be notified immediately to the School of Education, the Graduate Studies Office and the Staff Office payroll.

• Holders will be encouraged to be involved in the activities of the School. Activities include but are not limited to: tutorials; school placement supervision; undergraduate and masters’ level research supervision; along with assisting with PGR activities, such as conferences, presentations and seminars. Such activities are normally estimated at no more than 6 hours per week, averaged over the semester.

• The TUI Scholar will adhere to all other TCD PhD research degree regulations (e.g. supervision, ethics approval, progression & monitoring, research training, plagiarism, examination) as specified in Part II of the TCD College Calendar.

Student Progression

As in line with good practice with other external scholarship awarding bodies such as the Irish Research Council the TUI Scholarship student will be asked to submit an annual progress review form along with a separate report from their supervisor. This in addition to the normal requirements set down in the TCD College Calendar. The student will provide a short annual report on progress for the attention of the Executive Committee of the TUI.
Deferral and Cessation of the Scholarship

Deferral

The TUI Scholarship student may defer their studies and the scholarship payments on the grounds of illness and/or maternity or paternity leave.

Termination of the Scholarship

If the student submits the thesis for examination before the end of the scholarship period, they must inform the TUI and cease drawing funds from the Scholarship account.

Should the student need to permanently cease their studies for medical and/or personal reasons, the student must inform their supervisor, the School of Education’s Director of Postgraduate Teaching and Learning and the TUI. Again, the student must have regard to the appropriate procedures as per the College Calendar.

If the student terminates the scholarship before the end of the scholarship period, the HEI will return the funds allocated to the TUI. In the case of the student terminating their registration at a point during the academic year, the amount refunded will be minus the HEI fees paid for that year.

Applications for the PhD should be made through:

- [http://www.tcd.ie/Education/research/degrees/structured-phd/](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/research/degrees/structured-phd/)

Please indicate on your proposal that you are applying for the ‘TUI Ben Bishop Scholarship’.

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