PhD studentship in European Studies

Trinity College Dublin – Centre for European Studies (School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies)

Applications are invited for a three-year PhD studentship in the field of European Studies in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies at Trinity College Dublin. European Studies is represented in Trinity College through undergraduate (BA) and postgraduate (MPhil) degree programmes which are wide-ranging and multidisciplinary, addressing the history, cultures, languages and politics of European nations. The Centre for European Studies (http://www.tcd.ie/European_Studies/) is in the process of building a stronger research profile, with the establishment of a research centre as a key component of this development. The creation of a PhD studentship is one part of this process, and will allow the successful candidate the opportunity to conduct research on an aspect of European cultural history (understood broadly) from an inter-disciplinary perspective.

Any application that comes under the remit of European Studies as perceived at Trinity College Dublin will be considered, provided that the Centre for European Studies has the expertise to supervise the topic. The PhD proposals would ideally be related to the core disciplines of the European Studies degrees at Trinity (cultural and social history, history of ideas, etc.). Comparative (and/or transnational) approaches and cross-disciplinary projects are particularly welcome. Preference may be given to candidates focusing on Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in modern times (19th and 20th century).

The studentship covers full EU or non-EU fees and annual maintenance of €8,000 for 3 years.

Admissions Criteria

Applicants will be expected to have a first or upper second class honours undergraduate degree in the relevant field, and preferably also a Masters degree (completed or near completion). Applicants should also have advanced knowledge of a European language other than English. To be eligible for the studentship a candidate must also meet certain academic criteria as outlined on the website of the TCD Graduate Studies Office: http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/prospectivestudents/howtoapply/requirements/indexphp

Candidates should submit a research proposal of around 2,000 words as part of their application. The proposal should contain the following components:

1. Title and short description of research project.

2. Description of the project. This should include a brief outline of how the applicant sees his/her project developing from year to year.

3. Details should be provided on the aims, the scope and objectives, the reasons for and background of the project, the key questions and proposed outcomes.

4. Location of the proposed project within the current state of research with reference to the literature. A short bibliography should also be included. Relative significance of the contribution that the proposed project will make to the area

5. Hypotheses/theories and methodology. Indicate the discipline(s) to which the project relates.
Applications should be submitted online through the Postgraduate Application System (PAC), once the candidate has discussed his/her proposal with a potential supervisor at Trinity. Details about the online application procedure can be found at the website of the Graduate Studies Office:
http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/prospectivestudents/howtoapply/process/index.php

Please be sure to upload all the required documents (2 academic references; academic certificate/transcript; English language certificate (where required), CV, research proposal). Applicants whose native language is not English may also be asked for examples of recent written work.

At the same time, please send your CV and research proposal directly to Dr Balázs Apor (aporb@tcd.ie) at the Centre for European Studies. If you would like to discuss the studentship before applying, please contact Dr Balázs Apor. Applicants are strongly advised to discuss their research proposal with a potential supervisor before submitting their application.

Other funding opportunities are available in the College for which candidates can be considered provided they meet the relevant criteria. For further information please see the website of the Graduate Studies Office:
http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/prospectivestudents/awards/index.php

The deadline for receipt of applications is 11 May 2012.