SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PHD STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Fully-funded studentships are available for study in the PhD programme in Political Science at Trinity College Dublin. Application for this financial support is automatically considered as part of the normal admissions process. The Department of Political Science normally admits six students per year, and typically provides financial support in the form of tuition grants, stipends, teaching and research assistantships, and support for postgraduate conference and research travel.

Our four-year doctoral programme is designed to give students the highest level of training to become scholars at the forefront of the discipline. Most of our Ph.D. graduates have gone on to careers in research and teaching at established universities, while others have gone on to careers in government and business. Recently completed dissertations and job placement of graduates can be found here: http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/postgraduate/phd-programme/formerstudents/post-1995/index.php

The Department of Political Science at Trinity ranks among the best political science departments across Europe, and globally, according to independent evaluations of its research and teaching (e.g. May 2016 QS subject rankings Trinity College’s Political Science Department ranked number 14 in Europe, and number 43 globally).

In addition, the Department is involved in the Dublin School of Social Sciences, which provides graduate training in collaboration with University College Dublin. The doctoral programme is designed to impart substantive knowledge about politics, and to train students in the techniques, including quantitative methods, necessary to recognize, design and implement cutting-edge research. The writing of a dissertation of original research follows a rigorous training in how to design and conduct research.

We seek outstanding and motivated graduates for entry to our doctoral programme. Applicants are particularly welcome from students who wish to conduct research in areas in which the Department has particular research strengths:

- Comparative European politics
- European Union politics and policies, incl. the European Court of Justice
- Irish politics
- African politics
- Electoral systems and political parties
- Legislative politics
- International conflict
- Politics of climate change
- Political theory.

The Department also invites applications from students whose research develops innovative quantitative methods, such as the quantitative analysis of political texts, as this is another strong area of research among staff.

Prospective students are encouraged to consult the webpages of members of staff (http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/staff/) and to email individual staff members who could be potential supervisors for their Ph.D. dissertations.

General enquiries may be directed to the Ph.D. Director, Professor Thomas Chadefaux (chadefat@tcd.ie). Further details of the Ph.D. programme can be found at http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/postgraduate/phd-programme/
The deadline for applications to the doctoral programme for entry in September 2017 is **31st March 2017**. Students who require an early decision on their entry to the doctoral programme are encouraged to contact the Director of Graduate Studies after submitting their application.

If you have any questions or need further information, please consult the departmental webpages which provide considerable information on the programme and how to apply: [http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/postgraduate/phd-programme/](http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/postgraduate/phd-programme/)

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