School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

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Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's leading university and is recognised as one of the top universities in the world. Trinity was founded in 1592, and today the university is a cosmopolitan community of students from around the world. Its bustling 47-acre campus, in the heart of Dublin, is the ideal environment for studying, learning, relaxing and living.

Economics has been an important part of the College's curriculum since 1832 when the Whately Chair of Political Economy was established. The Department is committed to delivering the highest standards of teaching and has a strong research record, particularly in the field of development economics, international macroeconomics, economic history, urban and energy economics.

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Trinity's Department of Economics has an active postgraduate research programme which produces the largest number of doctoral degrees of any economics department in Ireland. The PhD programme in Economics blends an innovative curricular element, which offers courses jointly with other Irish universities, with a unique research environment that promotes close interaction with the faculty. Currently, the department has 18 full-time academic staff and 30 research students.

The Department provides generous financial support for research students through a programme of teaching assistantships as well as providing a number of research awards. Assistance in securing external funding is also provided throughout the PhD process, with a good record of success.

2018 PhD Scholarships

The Department of Economics invites applications for fully funded PhD scholarships at Trinity College Dublin. Financial support is typically provided in the form of tuition grants, stipends, teaching and research assistantships, and support for postgraduate conference and research travel. Applications from excellent candidates in all research fields will be considered for financial support.

In addition to general scholarship funding, the Department also has the following specific scholarship opportunities available:

PhD Scholarship in Macroeconomics:

One PhD student in macroeconomics, especially in the areas of monetary policy, international macroeconomics and gender.

The successful candidate will receive an annual stipend of €16,000 (plus fees) for each of the four years of the PhD programme, subject to successful confirmation on the PhD programme after 18 months.

The successful candidate will conduct research assistantship under the supervision of **Prof. Davide Romelli**. Please contact Prof. Davide Romelli at romellid@tcd.ie for further details.

Two PhD Scholarships in Development Economics:

Two PhD students in development economics, especially in the areas of financial inclusion and banking, social protection, gender and empowerment.

The successful candidates will receive an annual stipend of €18,000 (plus fees) for each of the four years, subject to successful confirmation on the PhD programme after 18 months.

The successful candidates will contribute to the Department's undergraduate teaching programme and provide support to a large multi-year randomised control trial (RCT) in Southern Africa. Please contact **Prof. Michael King** at michael.king@tcd.ie for further details.

Please note that in order to be considered for these scholarships, students must first be admitted to the Department's PhD programme. The closing date for applications to be considered for funding is the 15th April 2018.

Admission Requirements

Successful candidates will have:

- An excellent background in economic theory and good technical skills as
 evidenced by their performance on a taught Master's degree programme in
 Economics or equivalent with a significant component of theory and
 quantitative methods.
- Interest in pursuing research in an area of interest to a staff member. The Department of Economics gives preference to students interested in pursuing research on topics in which staff members have a special interest. A list of areas of interest proposed by members of staff is available on the Department's website.

All applicants whose first language is not English and who have not been educated through the medium of English must present evidence of English language competency. For further details, please visit Trinity's Graduate Studies website.

The Department does not accept applications for part-time PhD students except under exceptional circumstances where an applicant can make a case that a substantial amount of his or her work time would be of relevance to his or her research.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for this programme please apply online at: www.tcd.ie/economics/postgraduate/research-degrees