



Trinity College Dublin  
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Applicants are sought for a fully-funded four-year Provost's PhD Project doctoral award for "Situating Sherlock: mapping space and place in Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes" to start in September 2020 or March 2021. The award comprises the student's full tuition fees (EU or non-EU) and an annual stipend of €16,000. These doctoral awards are generously funded through alumni donations and Trinity's commercial unit.

The "Situating Sherlock" project charts places and locations in the Sherlock Holmes stories published in *The Strand Magazine* between 1891 and 1927, identifying and recording geographical patterns in order to create a series of open-access digital maps and geo-visualisations of the spaces and places visited by the tales' detectives and criminals. The successful applicant will devote 24 hours a month to work on this project. They will also complete a PhD thesis on space and place in the Sherlock Holmes stories and novels. The precise topic of the student's PhD thesis is not prescribed but will be developed between the student and the PI.

Students interested in the doctoral award and who meet the criteria below are invited to email the Principal Investigator, Dr Clare Clarke <clare.clarke@tcd.ie> with expressions of interest by 1 April 2020. Please use "Provost's Project Award" in the subject line of the email. Please attach a CV and a brief explanation of why you would like to work on the project and what you would write your thesis on.

Applicants may subsequently be asked to submit academic transcripts, a sample of written work, the names of two academic referees, and be asked to take part in a Skype interview. The final stage of the application process will involve the submission of an online application and a formal PhD proposal via the my.tcd.ie portal. If the chosen candidate does not have English as a first language, they will also be required to submit a satisfactory English Language Competency Cert.

The following are the essential and desirable qualifications for the award:

Essential:

- a high 2.1 or first-class honours (or equivalent) undergraduate degree in English Literature
- An MA/MPhil/MRes in English literature/literary studies (completed)
- Excellent research and organisational skills
- Excellent written and spoken English

Desirable:

- A first-class/distinction Masters in English Literature/literary studies
- Some prior familiarity with Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories
- Familiarity with or one or more of the following subject areas: crime/detective fiction; nineteenth-century periodicals; popular literature
- Experience/training in digital and/or spatial humanities