



**Trinity College Dublin**

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

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Applications are invited for **two fully-funded PhD studentships in modern Irish history** to commence in March 2024.

The studentships will be based in the Department of History, School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin, and will enrol in the School's structured PhD programme. The successful applicants will work on a collaborative research project entitled 'Witnessing war, making peace: testimonies of revolution and restraint in inter-war Ireland' led by Dr Anne Dolan.

The PhD studentships will consist of EU fees and a stipend of €19,000 p.a. for four years. There is an additional budget for research expenses connected to the project.

### **The Project:**

Despite a war of independence (1919-21) and civil war (1922-23), Ireland's experience of violence was relatively restrained compared to much of inter-war Europe; it returned to stability remarkably quickly. This project asks why, and in doing so, it will establish new paradigms for exploring the history of violence and pioneer the history of a much less considered phenomenon – restraint. Scholarship on conflict has traditionally privileged the experiences of victims and combatants, this project will instead draw on the testimony of those who have been largely overlooked: the ordinary men and women who lived through Ireland's wars, and the project will explore how they negotiated their ways from conflict to peace.

### **The Studentships:**

The two PhD studentships will undertake a key strand of the project, exploring how and why peaceful conditions were established so relatively quickly in an Irish context during the inter-war period. To achieve this the two PhD theses will explore how men and women navigated their move from a period of conflict to peace through their interactions with key institutions across the island:

- **PhD 1** will examine court records from across the island to see how the nature of violence evolved, ebbed and flowed in the move from war to peace.
- **PhD 2** will explore Military Service Pension records in order to investigate the process and mechanisms by which veterans and their families negotiated their relationship with the new Irish state.

For further details of the project or any inquiries contact Dr Anne Dolan at [adolan@tcd.ie](mailto:adolan@tcd.ie)

### **Applications should consist of the following:**

- A brief cover letter (this should indicate if their preference is for PhD 1 or PhD 2)
- A personal statement outlining how you would approach either PhD 1 or PhD 2 (max. 2 pages)
- A brief curriculum vitae, with educational history, and transcripts of degree results
- The names and contact details of two academic referees.



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The successful candidates will make formal applications to TCD via the [my.tcd.ie](https://my.tcd.ie) portal and will be issued with a formal offer in the same manner as other incoming PhD students.

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The deadline for applications is **5.00pm on 15 January 2024**.

Applications should be sent by email to Dr Anne Dolan at [adolan@tcd.ie](mailto:adolan@tcd.ie)