

School of Law
Visiting Research Scholars Applications

INTRODUCTION

The School of Law welcomes applications for visiting scholars in all the areas of the School's expertise. The Law School promotes a vibrant culture of research, scholarship and public engagement, and values the contribution visiting Scholars can make to its activities and mission, and to collaborations with Law School members. Details of the research interests of members of the Law School can be found here: <https://www.tcd.ie/law/people/>

Scholarships should normally be for a maximum of three months, but longer stays will be considered. Applications for periods of up to one month are considered by the Head of School only, and must be proposed by a member of the Law School's academic staff. Applications for visiting research scholarships of over one month are considered by the School's Research Committee at its regular meetings and must be signed by a member of the Law School's academic staff. In all cases, the support of a member of academic staff at the Law School is required to make an application.

Visiting Research Scholarships at the Law School are not funded, and applicants must have alternative sources of funding to cover their stay. However, where available, scholars will be provided with access to office facilities, a library access card, and access to internet facilities. Scholars will also have access to a friendly and active research community, and to events organised by the Law School, including its weekly (during term) Research Seminar Series, as well as to wider College events.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility

Scholars must be distinguished scholars, of a standing in their field which is appropriate to their career stage. They must have fluent spoken and written English. Scholarships are open to established, mid-career and early-career researchers. Preference will be given to those who have not held a Visiting Research Scholarship at the Law School previously.

PhD students are not generally considered eligible for this application process. PhD students who are hosted at LERU Universities may be eligible to come to the Law School for a period of time, and should contact the Director of Postgraduate Research for details.

2. Criteria

Interested candidates must have secured the support of a member of the academic staff within the Law School. This person will act as a point of contact for the Scholar, and be expected to introduce the Scholar to other colleagues, and to Law School events.

3. Duration

Scholarships of up to one month are considered by the Head of School only. Scholarships of over one month are considered by the Research Committee at its regular meetings. In all cases, all applications are dependent on available space and capacity within the Law School. Scholarships which take place outside of term time (<https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/academic-year-structure>) are discouraged.

4. Benefits

Each scholarship comes with the following benefits:

- The support of an academic collaborator in the School who will assist the Scholar to settle in, make contacts within the School, integrate into Trinity life, and help with the organisation of a research seminar or other suitable dissemination opportunity;
- If available, office space (which may be shared or be the office of a colleague on sabbatical) in a Law School premises;
- Access to all relevant libraries and research collections;
- Access to all Law School events.

5. Obligations

Research Scholars are normally asked to undertake some of the following during their scholarship:

- Give a research seminar on existing research (this is required in all cases where the scholarship is over 1 month in duration);
- Provide a 400 word outline of their background and scholarship activities to the School of Law to be used on the School's website;
- Participate in the research seminar(s) of the Law School;
- Participate, where possible, in the relevant School Research Group;
- Be available for consultation for research students who work on related topics;
- Discuss opportunities for further collaboration with colleagues;

- In general, participate in the academic life of the Law School.

After the Scholarship to:

- Submit a 400 word report on their scholarship to the Research Committee;
 - Acknowledge the support of the Law School on all outputs arising out of research undertaken during their scholarship;
 - Provide the Law School with a copy of publications or other outputs based on their Scholarship.
6. All candidates offered scholarships will be required to submit, one month in advance of their arrival, a short biography (200 words) and a 500 word description of the purpose of their research visit, ideally highlighting links to the Law School, which can be used for promotional purposes.
 7. The Scholar is responsible for all matters relating to immigration and eligibility to live in Ireland, as well as adequate health and other insurance and housing. The Law School is not responsible for managing their status in Ireland.

CANDIDATE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Interested candidates must secure the support of an academic collaborator the Law School who will sign off on their application form. Please note that members of staff in the Law School may not be able to support an application for a variety of reasons, including their own research and teaching commitments.
2. Once an academic collaborator is secured then the candidate should return to the Law School (in electronic format):
 - a. A completed version of the enclosed application form;
 - b. A short Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max) with separate publication list (3 pages max). If a non-native English speaker, please highlight relevant publications in English.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis and are always dependent on space and capacity.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be assessed on the basis of:

1. The track record of the applicant, demonstrating excellence as appropriate to the career stage (30%);
2. The alignment of the programme of research to the interests of the Law School (40%);
3. The potential for collaboration between the Scholar and members of the Law School's academic staff resulting in publications, dissemination opportunities, public engagement opportunities, and funding applications (20%);
4. The proposed plan of activities (seminars, masterclasses etc) provided by the Scholar (10%).

In all cases, applications are dependent on space and capacity and must be endorsed by a member of the Law School's academic staff.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. FULL NAME & TITLE:

2. ORCID ID:

2. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:

3. CURRENT ACADEMIC POST:

4. NAME & FULL POSTAL ADDRESS OF CURRENT ACADEMIC INSTITUTION:

5. POSTAL ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (if different from address supplied above):

6. E-MAIL ADDRESS:

7. CONTACT PHONE NUMBER (with international dial code):

8. DETAILS OF DOCTORAL DEGREE (title of dissertation; subject; date awarded):

9. NAME OF ACADEMIC COLLABORATOR: A member of the Law School's academic staff *must* endorse this application

11. SUGGESTED LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIP

12. SUGGESTED LENGTH (1 month, 2 or 3 months) AND PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

13. RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Provide details on your proposed research project under the following headings, and describing how it contributes to the Law School's research interests. Please take note of the criteria described in the Selection Process above.

13.1 TITLE:

13.2 ABSTRACT (100 Words):

13.3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION - Central research questions, the importance of this work in your field, and the impact it will have on wider debates (400 Words):

13.5 METHODOLOGY (150 Words):

13.6 COLLABORATION - Indicate the researchers you would intend to and/or like to liaise with during your visit (100 words).

13.7 EXPECTED OUTPUTS (100 Words):

14. FOR COMPLETION BY A MEMBER OF THE LAW SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC STAFF

In cases of scholarships of up to one month:

I propose this applicant to the Head of School for approval and undertake to assist the visiting Scholar in the manner outlined in this policy.

Signed:

Date

In cases of scholarships of over one month:

I undertake to complete the duties outlined in this policy should this application be approved by the Research Committee.

Signed

Date