



Trinity College Dublin

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The University of Dublin

Integrating Heritage at Trinity East

Trinity Research Doctorate Award 2025-2029

Built Heritage

We invite applications to doctoral research on the built heritage of the Trinity East site in Grand Canal Dock, Dublin, as part of the interdisciplinary research project *Integrating Heritage at Trinity East*.

The Project

The heritage of Trinity East is uniquely complex, a combination of tangible and intangible and of multiple historical and present actors, and requires an interdisciplinary study. Our research project will study the built, cultural, commercial, and natural heritage of the Trinity East site and the larger Grand Canal Dock area. Our aim is to understand how the historical complexity and legacy of human-environment interactions have shaped the unique challenges and possibilities of this site and how the globalisation of Dublin has affected local communities and their natural and built environments.

This study seeks to help ‘re-earth’ the Trinity East site as it develops and thereby demonstrate what else a city can be in the midst of an overdeveloped industrial and residential zone in which civic space, community flourishing, and biodiversity have been, at best, supplementary concerns.

The successful applicant will be fully funded (see below) and will join a team of three other PhD researchers and four co-PIs across Business, History of Art and Architecture, History, and Geography. The project will integrate these studies to understand how the historical complexity and legacy of human-

environment interactions shape the challenges and possibilities unique to this site. It will explore the historical and contemporary pathways and practices through which commercial actors, local communities, and other human and non-human agents have influenced the Trinity East site and its locale.

Details of the Award

This PhD project will be supervised by Professor Timothy Stott in the Department of History of Art and Architecture, School of Histories and Humanities. It will combine a study of the built heritage of the Docklands since the completion of the IDA Enterprise Centre in 1983 with a survey of best practice in nature-based design solutions, wildlife habitat design, retrofitting, green infrastructure, and ecological infrastructure in similar, historic dockland areas. It will compare Trinity East and the Docklands to how built heritage has been used, repurposed, or erased in practices of, for example, façade retention, retrofitting, or new build in other ‘tech ecosystems’ and provide a detailed assessment of the potential for the integration of built heritage, NBS, and ecological infrastructure at the Trinity East site. The project will approach the built heritage of the Trinity East site as an example of ‘geo-architecture’, which studies architecture scaled beyond the urban site, and which combines architectural analysis with history, geography, and politics.

The Award includes a €25k per annum tax-free stipend for 4 years and a tuition fee write-down. This excludes the once-off Application fee (€55) for Admission and the annual Student Levies & Charges (SLC) (approx. €200 p.a.) charged to students at registration.

Candidates should have an undergraduate degree in History of Art/Architecture, Architecture, or Urbanism, and a strong academic background in these areas. A Masters degree in a cognate subject area would be an advantage.

The successful applicant must be registered and ready to commence by March 2026.

Details of Application

Please send a CV, Cover Letter, and two-page Research Proposal to Prof. Stott (stottt@tcd.ie) by 5pm on Friday 14 November 2025.

Viable applicants will be shortlisted for interview soon thereafter. The successful applicant will then have to apply directly to the School of Histories and Humanities.