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| Post Title: | PhD Studentship |
| Post Status: | Fixed-term full-time studentship |
| Research Group / Department / School: | School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin |
| Location: | Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland |
| Reports to: | Prof. Irena Yanushevskaya |
| Terms & Conditions: | 4-year fixed term studentship, including an annual €25,000 tax-free stipend and student fees Expected start date: 1st September 2026 |
| Hours of Work: | Full-time |
| Closing Date: | 12:00 (noon) June 18 th 2026 |

NOTE: Applicants must have been resident in an EU member state for 3 out of the last 5 years to be eligible for EU fees

Post Summary

Applications are invited for a 4-year fully funded PhD studentship to work on the project 'The role of 'baseline' voice quality in prosodic marking'. The project is funded by the Trinity Doctoral Research Award (PI-led) to Prof Irena Yanushevskaya. Rather than treating speaker-specific voice quality variations as experimental noise to be averaged out, the project investigates whether and to what extent individual 'baseline' voice quality differences condition the realisation of prosodic prominence. Using acoustic analysis of the voice source of speakers with distinct phonatory profiles (e.g., modal, breathy, tense, creaky), the project

examines whether prosodic signalling of focus and prominence is realised through similar relative changes or through 'baseline'-specific cue strategies.

The successful candidate will undertake doctoral research focused on the collection, auditory-perceptual and acoustic analysis of speech data reflecting 'baseline' voice quality variation in prosodic signalling. The PhD will be supervised within the Department of Linguistics, School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences.

Standard Duties and Responsibilities of the Post

- Undertake original doctoral research aligned with the objectives of the TDRA PI-led project 'The role of 'baseline' voice quality in prosodic marking' under the supervision of the project PI.
- Undertake literature reviews, design of the speech materials, recruitment of the study participants, data collection and analysis as required by the research project.
- Undertake any specialist training required for the project, such as voice source analysis and statistical methods.
- Present research findings at research seminars and academic conferences.
- Assist with the dissemination of research outcomes, including preparation of journal publications.
- Participate in supervisory meetings, maintain accurate research records, demonstrate satisfactory academic progress and fulfil the requirements of the structured PhD programme at Trinity College Dublin.
- Plan and complete research activities within agreed timelines; complete a doctoral thesis within the funded period.

Funding Information

This PhD studentship is funded by Trinity Doctoral Research Award (PI-led) to Prof Irena Yanushevskaya. The award covers student fees (EU or non-EU) and includes an annual tax-free stipend of €25,000. Funding is available for a fixed term of four years.

Person Specification

Qualifications

Essential

- A first-class or upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent) in linguistics, phonetics, speech sciences, or a closely related discipline
- Master's degree in linguistics, phonetics, speech sciences, or a closely related discipline
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; for non-native speakers of English - high competence in the English language level in one of the examination systems recognised by Trinity College Dublin (<https://www.tcd.ie/study/english-language-requirements/>)

Desirable

- Evidence of academic achievement and research potential in linguistics, phonetics, speech sciences or related areas

Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)

Essential

- Familiarity with research and analysis methods in linguistic phonetics, including acoustic analysis and statistical analysis
- Familiarity with acoustic and statistical analysis tools such as Praat, R or similar
- Experience undertaking independent research projects or dissertations

Desirable

- Experience with participant recruitment, speech data collection, annotation and analysis
- Experience with data management and visualisation
- Experience presenting academic work at conferences, seminars or workshops

Skills & Competencies

Essential

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

- Strong organisational and project management skills
- Effective time management skills and ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team; commitment to high quality research

Desirable

- Ability to adapt to new research methods and technical skills
- Ability to contribute to research dissemination and publication activities

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit, via email, one PDF document containing:

- a full Curriculum Vitae (including education, research experience, relevant skills, publications and presentations)
- a one-page personal statement outlining their motivation and relevant experience,
- contact details of two academic referees

Emails should include the subject line: TDRA_2026_PhD_Application

Applications should be sent to:

Prof Irena Yanushevskaya

yanushi@tcd.ie

Further Information for Applicants

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| URL Link to Area | www.tcd.ie https://www.tcd.ie/slscs/ |
| URL Link to Human Resources | https://www.tcd.ie/hr/ |

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Trinity is Ireland's leading university and is ranked 75th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2026). Founded in 1592, the University is steeped in history with a reputation for excellence in education, research and innovation.

Located on an iconic campus in the heart of Dublin's city centre, Trinity has 18,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across our three faculties – Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and Health Sciences.

Trinity is ranked as the 35th most international university in the world (Times Higher Education Rankings 2025) and has students and staff from over 120 countries.

The pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of a Trinity education, and our researchers have an outstanding publication record and strong record of grant success. Trinity has developed 19 broad-based multidisciplinary research themes that cut across disciplines and facilitate world-leading research and collaboration within the University and with colleagues around the world. Trinity is also home to 5 leading flagship research institutes:

- Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute (TBSI)
- Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience (TCIN)
- Trinity Translational Medical Institute (TTMI)
- Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute (TLRH)
- Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN)

Trinity is 1st in Europe for Producing Entrepreneurs for the 7th year in a row and Europe's only representative in the world's top-50 universities (Pitchbook 2021-2022).

Trinity is home to the famous Old Library and to the historic Book of Kells as well as other internationally significant holdings in manuscripts, maps and early printed material. The

Trinity Library is a legal deposit library, granting the University the right to claim a copy of every book published in Ireland and the UK. At present, the Library's holdings span approximately 6.5 million printed items, 400,000 e-books and 150,000 e-journals. With over 120,000 alumni, Trinity's tradition of independent intellectual inquiry has produced some of the world's finest, most original minds including the writers Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett (Nobel laureates), the mathematician William Rowan Hamilton and the physicist Ernest Walton (Nobel laureate), the political thinker Edmund Burke, and the former President of Ireland Mary Robinson. This tradition finds expression today in a campus culture of scholarship, innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and dedication to societal reform.

Rankings

Trinity College Dublin is the top ranked university in Ireland. Using the QS methodology we are ranked 75th in the world and using the Times Higher Education World University Ranking methodology we are 173rd in the World.

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Full details are available at: www.tcd.ie/research/about/rankings.

The Selection Process in Trinity

The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) may include members of the Academic and Administrative community together with External Assessor(s) who are expert in the area. Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 1 day of submitting your application online, please contact the named Recruitment Partner on the job specification immediately and prior to the closing date/time.

Given the degree of co-ordination and planning to have a Selection Committee available on the specified date, the University regrets that it may not be in a position to offer alternate selection dates. Where candidates are unavailable, reserves may be drawn from a shortlist. Outcomes of interviews are notified in writing to candidates and are issued no later than 5 working days following the selection day.

In some instances the Selection Committee may avail of telephone or video conferencing. The University's selection methods may consist of any or all of the following: Interviews, Presentations, Psychometric Testing, References and Situational Exercises.

It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full pre-employment medicals. Information supplied by candidates in their application (Cover Letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Highly-Skilled-Eligible-Occupations-List/> and the Ineligible Categories of Employment are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/> . Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.

Equal Opportunities Policy

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. Trinity's Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at <https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement>.

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