



New PhD Opportunity

Disability Inclusion in Humanitarian and Development Contexts: Optimising Advisory Programmes for Mainstream Organisations

Supervisor: Dr Caroline Jagoe

Applicants are sought for a fully-funded four-year Provost's PhD Project addressing *Disability Inclusion in Humanitarian and Development Contexts: Optimising Advisory Programmes for Mainstream Organisations*. The successful applicant will start in September 2021. The award provides the student's full tuition fees (EU or non-EU) and an annual stipend of €17,316. These doctoral awards are generously funded through alumni donations and Trinity's Commercial Revenue Unit.

Project

Despite increased momentum in terms of disability inclusion in recent years, international actors often see disability as a specialist technical area. Capacity building for mainstream organisations may be achieved through advocacy and advisory programmes provided by Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and disability-specific organisations. This interdisciplinary project will explore *what works for disability inclusion advisory programmes, for what types of mainstream programmes, in which contexts and why?* Uniquely, the project will be designed to explore the existing gaps in disability inclusion, and potential gaps in advisory programmes, for those commonly excluded from disability-focused research in low- and middle- income countries, such as those with communication disability and those with swallowing disorders.

The successful PhD student will be involved in a robust interdisciplinary research project based in Clinical Speech & Language Studies, Trinity College Dublin, co-supervised by Dr Susan Murphy, Assistant Professor in Development Practice, School of Natural Sciences. The candidate will produce an independent piece of research in the form of a PhD thesis based on this research project.

Application Process

The deadline for the initial step in the application process is 5pm on Monday **17th May 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted. Informal enquiries should be made to Caroline Jagoe (cjagoe@tcd.ie). Applications should be emailed to Caroline Jagoe (cjagoe@tcd.ie) and should include:

1. A curriculum vitae (including the names of **two** referees).
2. A cover letter (**maximum** 1000 words) outlining the applicant's research interests and why they are suitable for this project

Applicants should have a Master's degree in a relevant area of study (or be in the process of completing a relevant postgraduate degree), and have some experience with regards to disability inclusion. Research / field experience in humanitarian or development contexts is desirable.

The successful applicant will subsequently apply to register as a PhD student through the Trinity College Dublin central portal, but must meet all requirements for registration in order to be eligible for this funding award. Postgraduate admission requirements are available here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/postgraduate/>

The successful applicant will be required to provide evidence of English language competence following the award offer and before registering.