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New PhD Opportunity

## ***Re-defining "Success" in Transgender Communication Therapy***

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Applicants are sought for a fully-funded four-year Provost's PhD Project doctoral award for *Re-defining "Success" in Transgender Communication Therapy* to start in September 2021. The award provides the student's full tuition fees (EU or non-EU) and an annual stipend of €17,316. This PhD is based in Dublin, Ireland. These doctoral awards are generously funded through alumni donations and Trinity's Commercial Revenue Unit.

### **Project**

This project proposes to examine contemporary issues around provision of Speech and Language Therapy intervention for transgender clients. Specifically, it will examine how therapeutic success is defined. The candidate will critically challenge and re-evaluate existing knowledge and perspectives on this topic.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with the National Gender Service, St. Columcille's Hospital. Clinical as well as academic mentorship will be provided. The project design will be co-constructed between the PhD candidate, project supervisor and other potential partners. The candidate will then produce an independent piece of research in the form of a PhD thesis based on this research project.

## **Application Process**

The deadline for online applications is 5pm on Monday **19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted. Informal enquiries should be made to Ciarán Kenny ([ciaran.kenny@tcd.ie](mailto:ciaran.kenny@tcd.ie)). Applications should be emailed to Ciarán Kenny ([ciaran.kenny@tcd.ie](mailto:ciaran.kenny@tcd.ie)). Applications should include:

1. A curriculum vitae (including **two** referees).
2. A cover letter (**maximum** 2000 words) including:
  - Candidate's research interests
  - Proposed project proposal/framework
  - Your clinical philosophy and how this influences your proposal
  - Research questions
  - Why the applicant is suitable for this project

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 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.

## **Essential Criteria**

- A professional qualification in speech and language therapy
- Eligible for CORU registration (registration with CORU for those applying from overseas can take many months so candidates should ensure they are likely to meet requirements before applying for the studentship)

## **Desirable Criteria**

- Clinical experience in the field of transgender communication intervention.
- Prior experience of conducting research and data analysis.