

# Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award 2024-25

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicants to the Trinity Research Doctorate Award for a student of sanctuary must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants must be residing in the Republic of Ireland.
2. Applicants must currently be in the international protection system, temporary protection, seeking asylum, or have refugee status or permission to remain in Ireland on humanitarian grounds.
3. Applicants must have received an unconditional offer for admission by May 1, 2024 to the full-time PhD register in Trinity College Dublin with support of the intended Principal Supervisor. This implies that applicants will have met all academic requirements including English language requirements.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **Part 1 – for admission to PhD Register**

If you are considering making an application as a student of sanctuary for the Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2024-25, you must also apply for admission to the full-time PhD register in Trinity via [my.tcd.ie](https://my.tcd.ie) as normal. Applicants must liaise directly with the potential primary supervisor before application for admission to the PhD register. The supervisor will guide the applicant through the Trinity PhD formal application process. The applicant should advise the Academic Registry that they intend making application as a student of sanctuary for the Trinity Research Doctorate Award and should be in receipt of an unconditional offer before May 1 (subject to satisfying admission requirements).

### **Part 2 – applying as a student of sanctuary for the Trinity Research Doctorate Award**

Once applicants have an offer for admission to the full-time PhD register at Trinity, they should complete this application form for the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award.

\* Required

## **EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

### **Evaluation Process for the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award**

Each completed application will be evaluated by a panel to include the Chair of the University of Sanctuary Steering Committee, an academic representative from each Faculty, a representative of the Irish Refugee Council (or similar) and will be chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies on the basis of the full evaluation criteria.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to interview. The decision as to which application will receive the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Panel whose decision on the matter is final.

All applicants will be contacted by the Dean of Graduate Studies on completion of the evaluation process.

Note: unsuccessful applicants to the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award, who are in receipt of an unconditional offer, will remain eligible for admission to the PhD register and may be considered for other available awards (as appropriate).

### **Evaluation Criteria for the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award**

The applications will be scored out of a total of 100 marks and allocated across four categories as follows:

1. 30 marks for the quality of research design and methodology.
2. 25 marks for research impact including overall significance and degree of innovation of the project. Note: It will be a requirement to evidence consideration has been given to the project's contribution towards enhancing our local and global social and sustainability ambitions. This element will not be weighted but is a mandatory requirement in each application.
3. 20 marks for evidence related to the impact of an award on the student's research trajectory.
4. 25 marks for evidence of the personal impact of the award on the student.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Family Name \*

2. First Name \*

3. Trinity Application ID No. \*

4. Email address \*

5. Date of birth \*

 

6. Gender \*

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

7. Country of birth \*

8. Nationality \*

9. Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) \*

10. Current home address (in Ireland) \*

## Legal Status/Immigration Information

11. Are you currently living under Direct Provision or registered with the Irish State for accommodation? \*

Yes

No

12. What is your current residency status? \*

International protection applicant

Temporary protection

Leave to remain

Subsidiary protection

Refugee status

## PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

The purpose of the personal statement is to understand why you should be awarded the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award, and how you would benefit from it. In considering your application, the evaluation panel are interested in learning:

1. Why you would like to pursue a PhD degree at Trinity College Dublin, stating your commitment to your chosen field of research.
2. How the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award would help you to achieve your research ambitions.
3. If your pursuit of a PhD has been affected by your personal circumstances. Please outline the barriers you have faced in pursuing your field of research and evidence details of any steps you have taken to try to overcome these barriers.

*The information you provide will be kept confidential.*

### 13. Personal professional statement (**max 800 words**) \*

## RESEARCH PROPOSAL (max 1,500 words).

This research proposal can be either:

1. the proposal as originally submitted by the student when applying for admission to the University, drawn down from the application itself, or
2. a revised version of that original application (as agreed with the primary supervisor).

The evaluation panel will be particularly concerned with (a) the innovative nature of the proposal and its overall significance, and (b) the potential for research outputs and impact arising from the proposal.

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### 14. Detailed research proposal, (max 1,500 words) \*

Your response can be provided over the three text boxes that follow.

### 15. Detailed research proposal (continued)

Please continue your proposal here if it does not fit within the character limit of the above text box.

16. Detailed research proposal (continued)

Please continue your proposal here if it does not fit within the character limit of the above text boxes.



## A lay abstract of the proposal

Applicants should be conscious that it is entirely possible that their proposal will be reviewed by someone outside their discipline or familiar with their field of research. The lay abstract should ensure that the proposal is comprehensible and accessible to people who have no knowledge of the relevant field and evidence consideration has been given to the project's contribution towards enhancing our local and global social and sustainability ambitions. The lay abstract can be provided either by the member of staff proposed as supervisor, or by the student, or jointly.

17. A lay abstract of the proposal (**max 400 words**). \*

## The role of and impact for the student

In this section, applicants should focus on how they will benefit through the collaboration and supervision of the specific academic member of staff, beyond merely funding to support their PhD project.

18. The expected benefit and impact for the student **(max 200 words)** \*

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Following successful online submission of the application form, you will be provided with a link to an online folder to upload the following documentation:

1. Proof of legal / immigration status.
2. Letter of support from potential and eligible Principal Supervisor.

The online application will be deemed complete after the subsequent submission of the required documents. Only complete applications will be given consideration by the Evaluation Panel.

## Data Use Statement and Declarations

### Data Use Statement

We will use the information from this form to evaluate applications for a Trinity Research Doctorate Award under the student of sanctuary scheme in 2024-25. The data is confidential and its use will be restricted for the purposes of administering the Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2024-25.

### Privacy Notice

Trinity College respects your right to privacy and actively seeks to preserve the privacy rights of individuals who share personal data with the University. Any data which you provide for the purposes of the Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2024-25 will be processed in compliance with data protection legislation, specifically the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016 ('GDPR') and Data Protection Acts 1988-2018.

The data we collect from you will be processed for the purposes of the Trinity Research Doctorate Award only and processed fairly and lawfully in keeping with the principles of data protection as set out under Article 5 GDPR.

If you have any queries relating to the processing of your personal data for the purposes outlined above you can contact the Postgraduate Renewal Programme at [pgrenewal@tcd.ie](mailto:pgrenewal@tcd.ie).

Further information is available at <https://www.tcd.ie/privacy/>.

19. **I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct.** \*

Yes

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