Applying for a Ph.D. at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

1. FIND A POTENTIAL ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

As Ireland’s leading university for research there are ample opportunities for postgraduate research. First, you should explore Trinity’s research areas and determine your subject area of interest. The next step is to make contact with academic staff in relevant fields and identify a potential supervisor. To assist you with both steps, the Trinity website is comprehensive and features all relevant information about our research activities, as well as full research profiles of our staff.

Global Relations website: www.tcd.ie/study/international/scholarships/Postgraduate/
Trinity Research: www.tcd.ie/research/
Find out more about Trinity’s Faculties and Schools: www.tcd.ie/structure/

2. MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR POTENTIAL ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

Contact your potential academic supervisor with a brief research proposal or idea – remember that this is a competitive process so your email should demonstrate your interest in the research area and any relevant experience that you have to date. It is recommended that you identify a small number of staff with interests that relate to your own.

If the academic staff member is willing to support your application for a Ph.D. position, he/she will direct you to the school’s online application page. Please note that some schools at Trinity have specific guidelines for applying for a Ph.D. position, it is important to check the schools webpage for any additional information.

Our Faculties and Schools webpage www.tcd.ie/structure/ will provide you with quick links to each of the schools at Trinity.

3. EXPLORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Once you find an academic willing to supervise your research, they will be best placed to advise you of relevant funding opportunities through Irish and European funding agencies. Additionally, you may also:

- Contact scholarship awarding bodies in your home country for possible Ph.D. funding options.
- Research other possibilities, including the:
  Global Relations website: www.tcd.ie/study/international/scholarships/Postgraduate/
  Graduate studies webpage: www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/students/funding/
- Contact the Regional Officer for your country, or the Global Officer, in a relevant school, for information on other opportunities. Details of these staff can be found on the Global Relations Webpage: www.tcd.ie/globalrelations/international-non-eu/connectwithus.

Trinity is the first and only Irish university to join the prestigious ranks of the League of European Research Universities (LERU)