**PhD Scholarship**

**The Irish Institute for Catholic Studies**

**Mary Immaculate College**

The Irish Institute for Catholic Studies (IICS) is delighted to announce a four-year fully funded PhD Scholarship. The awardees will be located at Mary Immaculate College and the research undertaken during this scholarship will serve to advance the aims and objectives of the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies.

The scholarship is worth €18,203 p.a. and is available for fulltime students for up to four years to engage in doctoral studies in the interdisciplinary area of Catholic Studies.

The Irish Institute for Catholic Studies is an interdisciplinary research centre inspired by and engaged in constructive, critical dialogue with Catholic culture and thought. We explore the long and rich Catholic tradition in a spirit of scholarly rigor and academic freedom. We engage with the intellectual contribution of Catholicism to philosophical, theological, educational and social debates, past and present, as well as the expression and embodiment of a Catholic sensibility in fine arts, literature, architecture and music.

We engage with contemporary global realities and are dedicated to research and dialogue in the following key areas:

* Catholicism and the Arts and Culture
* Catholic Social Teaching and Environmental Justice
* Catholic Theology
* Catholic Religious Education

Areas of interest include but are not limited to the areas listed above and we welcome scholarly research in all areas related to Catholicism in Ireland.

The Irish Institute for Catholic Studies’ Aims and Objectives are to:

* Promote interdisciplinary, high-quality academic research related to Catholic Studies.
* Contribute to historical, educational, intellectual, philosophical and theological understandings of Catholicism as religion and social movement with a focus on the common good and human dignity.
* Contribute to the academic understanding of Catholic identity through a focus on social justice and sustainability.
* Disseminate knowledge of Catholics and Catholicism in Ireland through publications, conferences, public lectures, symposia, and public dialogue.

**Terms & Conditions of the Award**

Awardees at Mary Immaculate College will hold an IICS departmental assistantship in the Department of Learning, Society and Religious Education to support of the work of the IICS. This is currently valued at €6,900 p.a. and will be required to comply with the Terms & Conditions attaching to College departmental assistantships. In addition, they will receive a scholarship of €6,900 p.a. and a PhD fee waiver valued at €4,403 (total value: €18,203 p.a.). The assistantship stipend and the scholarship will be co-terminus and continuing payment will be dependent upon satisfactory performance in respect of the departmental assistantship as well as PhD progression. Each awardee will belong to a scholarly support group made up of national and international researchers in the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies as well as an interdisciplinary community of researchers undertaking doctoral research in Mary Immaculate College. There is an expectation that the Scholar will participate fully in IICS projects and make themselves available for conferences, publicity events and other activities that serve the IICS and Mary Immaculate College. Such engagement will involve, for example, attendance at seminars or conferences to formally present work in progress and to discuss research projects within the group. Any bridging studies and/or research methods development required by Scholars in order that they can progress their projects will be decided by their supervisor and undertaken during the term of the award. As already detailed above, the award entitles the recipient to €18,203 per year for a maximum of 4 years during which they will complete the PhD at Mary Immaculate College.

**How to Apply**

Candidates should follow the usual procedures for application for PhD Studies

at Mary Immaculate College by going to

https://www.mic.ul.ie/sites/default/files/uploads/639/How%20to%20apply%20fo

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Candidates must

(1) Satisfy requirements for admission to the PhD register and be fulltime

engaged in their studies;

(2) Satisfy requirements for the award of a departmental assistantship (see

<https://www.mic.ul.ie/research/research-graduateschool/supports/scholarships-funding-fees?index=0> )

(3) Demonstrate in a letter of application addressed to the Director of The Irish Institute for Catholic Studies how their proposed dissertation research will contribute to the goals of the IICS to be evaluated by a three person-panel appointed by the Director of the Institute.

(4) Not hold any other bursaries or awards associated with this programme of

studies.

Candidates may be called for an online interview as part of final selection.

Final submission date is February 26th 2021.

**Further Information:**

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