



## Department of Drama & Theatre Studies, MIC

### Departmental Assistantships, 2025

The Department of Drama and Theatre Studies welcomes applications from current and potential research M.A./Ph.D. students for a funded Departmental Assistantship (DA) in Drama & Theatre Studies beginning in September 2025. The successful applicant(s) will work under the academic supervision of a member of staff in the Department of Drama & Theatre Studies. They will be provided with a fee waiver (two years for a research M.A. student; four years for a Ph.D. student) and an annual stipend of €6,900 (two years for a research M.A. student; three years for a Ph.D. student). The applicant will undertake teaching and/or other departmental work, to a maximum of 120 hours per academic year. This work is allocated and supervised by the Head of Department, who is Line Manager for the DA posts.

General information on the Departmental Assistantship funding scheme is available here: <https://www.mic.ul.ie/research/research-graduate-school/supports/scholarships-funding-fees>

### How to apply

There are two parts to the application process depending on whether you are a new or current research postgraduate student in the department:

**New research postgraduates students should complete parts 1 and 2.**

**Current research postgraduate students should complete part 2.**

#### Part 1.

To be considered for a Departmental Assistantship, applicants should identify a research topic and supervisor, and **complete a research postgraduate application**. Information on this process is available here: <https://www.mic.ul.ie/research/research-graduate-school/supports/how-to-apply>

It is essential that potential applicants allow sufficient time to prepare an application *in conjunction with a potential supervisor*. Further information on the research interests of faculty in the Department Drama and Theatre Studies is available here <https://www.mic.ul.ie/faculty-of-arts/department/drama-theatre-studies?index=2> or by emailing the Head of Department, Dr Michael Finneran [Michael.Finneran@mic.ul.ie](mailto:Michael.Finneran@mic.ul.ie)

#### Part 2.

The applicant should **submit an application** as detailed below. No specific form is supplied.

#### Application Materials

Applicants should submit the following documents by email to the Head of Department:

- A copy of the research M.A. or Ph.D. application submitted to MIC;
- A short statement indicating related previous experience, relevant skills and attributes and interest in contributing to the life of the Department of Drama and Theatre Studies (maximum 500 words).

## Selection Criteria

Adjudication of applications will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- Academic track-record and experience at undergraduate level;
- Academic track-record at postgraduate level (if appropriate);
- M.A. or Ph.D. research proposal;
- Skills, attributes & interests of relevance to the mission of the department and post of departmental assistant;

## Selection Process

The department will convene a Selection Committee consisting of the Head of Department (chair) and one other member of academic staff. The committee will assess applications on the basis of the selection criteria and make recommendation(s) for approval via the Research and Graduate School to the Executive Team. The Selection Committee may decide to call candidates to interview (via MS Teams). The Head of Department will notify applicants of the outcome of the selection process as soon as possible.

## Appeals

Appeals to the outcome of the selection process should be made to the Head of Department in the first instance. Should the appeal have valid grounds (i.e. an identifiable procedural error or a clear point of substantive appeal), an appeal panel will be convened consisting of the Head of Department (chair) and one other member of academic staff of the department not previously involved in the selection process.

## Late Applications

Late applications will be welcomed if Department Assistantships in the Department of Drama & Theatre Studies remain unfilled after the deadline. Contact should be made with the Head of Department Dr Michael Finneran: [michael.finneran@mic.ul.ie](mailto:michael.finneran@mic.ul.ie)

## Deadline and Further Queries

The deadline for applications is **5.00 p.m. on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the competition within 10 days of the deadline for application.

Please direct any general queries to:

Dr Michael Finneran, Head of Department ([Michael.Finneran@mic.ul.ie](mailto:Michael.Finneran@mic.ul.ie))