



Department of Philosophy Mary Immaculate College

Philosophy Departmental Assistantship and Departmental Bursaries 2026

The Department of Philosophy at MIC is accepting applications for one Departmental Assistantship in Philosophy beginning in **September 2026** (PhD or MA by research). **The application deadline is Tuesday, 3rd of July 2026** (Late applications will be welcome if the Departmental Assistantship remains unfulfilled after the deadline; please get in touch with Dr Daniel Vázquez (Daniel.Vazquez@mic.ul.ie)).

The Departmental Assistantship provides an annual stipend of **€6,900 per annum and a fee waiver**. Awards are renewable annually for up to three years, with a fee waiver in the fourth year of normal registration. The successful candidate will provide up to **120 hours of tutoring, research assistance, or other departmental work across the academic year** to the Department of Philosophy (an average of 5 hours per week per semester and may not exceed 10 hours in any given week). The scheme includes induction sessions, close monitoring and mentoring by the Head of the Department, and training opportunities available to MIC staff.

In addition, the Department will award all Departmental Assistants additional **Departmental Bursaries of €1,550 per semester (i.e. €3100 per annum)**. The scheme has approved funds for the academic year 2026-2027, and the Department will seek an extension for two more years. The bursary will be awarded every semester to active Departmental Assistants without the need to apply every term and will be awarded in conjunction with their Departmental Assistantship.

The Departmental Assistantship and Bursaries *do not* cover the minimum recommended stipend for an international student living in Ireland (approx. €15,000-18,000 per annum). However, students can complement it with other externally funded awards. International students in Ireland can also work part-time during term time and full-time over the summer.

General information on the Departmental Assistantship funding scheme is available [here](#).

Application Process

1. **Complete a research postgraduate application.** Allow sufficient time to prepare the application. Candidates must **identify a research topic, a supervisor** and **prepare a 3000 – 4000-word research proposal** in coordination with the potential supervisor (guidelines on preparing your proposal [here](#)). Complete information on this process is available [here](#).
2. **Complete a Departmental Assistantship application.** Applicants should submit the following documents via email to the Head of Department, Dr Daniel Vázquez (Daniel.Vazquez@mic.ul.ie):
 - A short statement indicating experience and aptitude for tutoring undergraduate students and for research assistance (maximum 200 words).
 - A copy of the research application (with all the documents in the application package).



Selection Criteria

- Experience and aptitude for tutoring undergraduate students and research assistance.
- Academic record and promise.

Selection Process

The Department will convene a Selection Committee consisting of the Head of the Department (chair) and two other staff members. The committee will assess applications based on the selection criteria and make a recommendation to the Research and Graduate School. The Head of the Department will notify applicants of the selection process outcome as soon as possible.

Further information

Please get in touch with Dr Daniel Vázquez, Head of Department (Daniel.Vazquez@mic.ul.ie)