

Department of Educational Psychology, Inclusive and Special Education Departmental Assistantship Award

Application Form AY2025/26

**Please send Application Portfolio to Dr Trevor O’Brien (**[Trevor.obrien@mic.ul.ie](mailto:Trevor.obrien@mic.ul.ie) **) before 4.00pm Tuesday 3rd June 2025. See MIC Departmental Assistantship Award Scheme Information Sheet AY2025/26 and the EPISE Department Information Sheet for further details. ALL applications must be completed electronically – handwritten applications will not be considered.**

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| TITLE OF PROGRAMME (Please tick appropriate box to indicate your current/ proposed programme of study): | |
| Master's by Research and Thesis (Faculty of Education) |  |
| Structured PhD in Education |  |
| PhD (Faculty of Education) |  |

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| **2. Your Information** | | |
| STUDENT ID NUMBER:  (If you are a current or former MIC (or UL) student |  | |
| SURNAME: |  | |
| SURNAME:  (as on birth certificate, if different from the above) |  | |
| OTHER NAMES IN FULL: |  | |
| DATE OF BIRTH (DD / MM / YYYY): |  | |
| NATIONALITY: |  | |
| ARE YOU A CURRENT MIC Student? | YES / NO |  |
| IF ‘YES’,  PROGRAMME START DATE? |  |
| YEAR OF PROGRAMME IN CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR? |  |
| ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN RECEIPT OF MIC FUNDING? | YES / NO |  |
| IF ‘YES’,  WHICH AWARD? |  |
| CURRENT AWARD  START DATE? |  |
| ORCID IDENTIFIER\*: |  | |
| *ORCID ID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher. If you do not currently have an ORCID ID, please register for one at www.orcid.org and provide us with your unique 16-digit identifier.* | | |

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| **3. Contact Information** | |
| POSTAL ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: | |
| MOBILE PHONE NUMBER: |  |
| ALTERNATIVE TELEPHONE NUMBER: |  |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: |  |

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| **4. THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION - Academic and Professional Qualifications** | | | | | |
| Names and Addresses of Institutions Attended | Years of study | | Major areas of Specialisation | Award | Class of Qualification (e.g. 1.1, 2.1 etc.) and Final QCA attained |
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| **Examination(s) to be taken or results pending – please indicate date when results are expected** | | | | | |
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| **5. WORK EXPERIENCE** | |
| **i. PRESENT OR MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT** | |
| Dates (From / To): |  |
| Exact title of your post: |  |
| Full name and address of employer: |  |
| Nature of work (brief): |  |

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| **ii. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT** | |
| Dates (From / To): |  |
| Exact title of your post: |  |
| Full name and address of employer: |  |
| Nature of work (brief): |  |

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| **iii. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT** | |
| Dates (From / To): |  |
| Exact title of your post: |  |
| Full name and address of employer: |  |
| Nature of work (brief): |  |

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| **6. RESEARCH PROGRAMME** | |
| **For the purpose of this application, you must provide the name of the person in MIC who has agreed to be your primary academic supervisor.** | |
| Name of Primary Academic Supervisor |  |
| Department: |  |
| Title of project: |  |

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| **Provide a 750-word synopsis of your research project. This should include sections on: Aims; Objectives; Motivation; Research Methodology; and Project Description.** |
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| **Research schedule (300 words)** |

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| **7. PARTICULAR ABILITIES (special aptitudes, language skills, computer skills, awards etc.) and RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS (publications / reports / dissertations with titles, date and subject and, if applicable, journal title)** |
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| **8. PERSONAL STATEMENT *(max 300 words)*** |
| **Please highlight any additional information which has not been included elsewhere in the application, e.g.:**   * **Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research?** * **Why have you proposed this research topic?** * **Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skill set that you wish to build?** * **Why are you particularly suited to this research field?** * **Why do you think you will be a good researcher, e.g. motivation, commitment, thirst for knowledge?** * **Other** |
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| **9. CAREER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN *(max 300 words)*** |
| **Please provide a career training and development plan which addresses the following:**   * **What are your career goals and how would this Award help you to achieve them?** * **How will you go about acquiring the expert knowledge and transferable skills necessary for your professional development, e.g. technical skills, communication skills, analytical skills?** * **How would this Award enable you to gain skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector?** * **How can the Award transform your existing skills in those identified as being required to pursue the chosen career?** * **Avoid generalisation. Be specific and detailed in both the acquisition of specific skills and soft/transferable skills.** |
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| **10. Application Portfolio Checklist** | |
| Completed MIC Postgraduate Award Application form | * ☐ |
| Research proposal | * ☐ |
| Research schedule for the programme of study | * ☐ |
| Personal Statement | * ☐ |
| Career Training and Development Plan | * ☐ |
| Letter of support/ academic reference: Please include a letter of support/ academic reference with your application. | * ☐ |
| Transcript (s) of academic records |  |