



## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH MERIT AWARDS – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to all Postgraduate Research Merit Awards offered by Mary Immaculate College (MIC). Only MIC postgraduate research students who have completed the registration process may benefit from these Awards.

- The Scheme is managed by the RGS on behalf of the ET, including management of appointment contracts, annual renewal and discontinuation of Awards.
- The Postgraduate Awards Committee (PAC), composed of the HGS (Chair) and two External Members (from outside MIC) is convened to review applications and make recommendations for the offer of an Award to ET. PAC will only make a recommendation for an Award where it is satisfied that an application is of an excellent academic standard and the PAC recommendation for an Award is final.
- Value of Award
  - The Doctoral Award provides a 3-year stipend (€12,600.00 per annum Years 1-3). It also provides a fee waiver (3 years for a Professional Doctorate student and 4 years for a PhD student) within the normal duration of programme.
  - The Doctoral Studentship Award current value is a stipend (€6,900.00 per annum Years 1-3) and a fee waiver (2 years for a Research Master's student, 3 years for a Professional Doctorate student and 4 years for a PhD student) within the normal duration of programme.
  - The Postgraduate Studentship Award current value is a stipend (€6,900.00 per annum Years 1-3) and a fee waiver (2 years for a Research Master's student, 3 years for a Professional Doctorate student and 4 years for a PhD student) within the normal duration of programme.
  - The fee waiver maximum is €6,425 per annum for EU students<sup>1</sup>, and any balance must be paid by the student.
  - Stipend instalments are paid monthly beginning in September and ending in May. The financial value of the fee waiver may vary but information on their current value is available from the Student Fees Office.
- The duration of each Postgraduate Award is for one academic year with the possibility that it may be renewed subject to satisfactory academic progress and satisfactory performance, as determined through the MIC Annual Progression Review process.

- In a case where a Research Master's student transfers to the PhD register, he/she is eligible for funding for a maximum period of three years from the date of initial registration on the Master's.
- Awards are made in accordance with Revenue requirements. Only those who are registered as a full-time postgraduate research student can avail of these Awards, and it is the responsibility of each postgraduate student to register themselves with MIC Student Academic Administration.
- Awardees may not take on any office of profit or employment during the normal working hours of the College, without the written approval of the HoD, the Dean of Faculty and the Graduate School Director, and in consultation with the Research Supervisor.
- Awardees may not be the holder simultaneously of an Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship or similar.
- It is a requirement for each of the Postgraduate Awards that Awardees shall sign a contract and comply fully with its terms and conditions.
- It is a requirement for each of the Postgraduate Awards that Awardees shall complete a Self-Declaration on Criminal Offences form and a Garda Vetting application form in consultation with SAA.
- Awardees are bound by the postgraduate academic rules and regulations of the University of Limerick (UL) and those of MIC.
- It is required all publications or disseminations of research on the thesis topic must acknowledge the financial support of Mary Immaculate College.
- In accepting your Award you agree to give full-time commitment to your research thesis project and responsibilities under the terms of this award and to work under the supervision of your nominated supervisor(s) who may specify research targets and schedules, vacation periods and other requirements