



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 (PGRS) who have completed the registration process may benefit from these Awards.

- The Scheme is managed by the Research and Graduate School (RGS) on behalf of the Executive Team, including management of appointment contracts, annual renewal and discontinuation of Awards.
- An External Awards Panel (chaired by a non-voting member of the RGS) consisting of at least two non-MIC members will be convened to adjudicate on and make recommendations for the offer of Postgraduate Research Merit Awards to the College. The panel reserves the rights to make no recommendations where the requisite standard of excellence is not reached by any applicant.
- 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 (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, 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.
 - International Awardees will not be able to receive scholarship payments until they have arrived in Ireland, set up an Irish bank account, and applied for a PPS number.
 - The College reserves the right to deduct any outstanding fees/other sums due from bursaries payable.

- The duration of each Postgraduate Research Merit 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 PGR Research Review (Progression) 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.
- Only PGR students within the normal registration period for their programme at MIC can avail of Postgraduate Research Merit Awards. Those in Continuance are not eligible.
- Postgraduate Research Merit 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.
- Postgraduate Research Merit Awards are not available to holders of full-time MIC contracts of employment.
- Awardees may not be the holder simultaneously of an Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, NEPS Bursary, or similar.
- It is a requirement for each of the Postgraduate Research Merit Awards that Awardees shall sign a contract and comply fully with its terms and conditions.
- It is a requirement for each of the Postgraduate Research Merit 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 MIC Handbook of Academic Regulations and Procedures.
- It is a requirement that all publications or disseminations of research on the thesis topic must acknowledge the financial support of Mary Immaculate College.
- It is a requirement for each of the Postgraduate Research Merit Awards that Awardees shall complete the EPIGEUM Online Research Integrity Training. Failure to do so will result in the award not being renewed in the next academic year.

- In accepting your Postgraduate Research Merit 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.