



NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences 2019

Frequently Asked Questions*

**Please note: These FAQs are subject to change and further information in the form of updated FAQs will be made available during the competition period.*

The full regulations governing the NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences are available to download from the NUI website: www.nui.ie/awards.

Further queries can be directed to: awards@nui.ie

1. What is the NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences?

The NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences is intended to encourage and support a doctoral graduate of proven academic excellence to advance their scholarly research. It is expected that the research undertaken during the Fellowship will result in a substantial contribution to knowledge, worthy of publication, and contribute to the learning culture in the constituent institutions.

2. How many Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Sciences will be offered in 2019?

In 2019, one NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences is offered to NUI graduates in all branches of the Sciences. The value of the Fellowship will be €80,000 (€40,000 a year for two years).

3. If successful, where will I be based for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences?

The successful candidate may elect to take up the Fellowship in any of the constituent universities or recognised colleges of NUI, subject to the concurrence of the NUI Senate and the institution concerned.

4. Can I be based in an institution in Ireland that is not part of NUI for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship?

No. The Fellowship is intended to encourage and support a post-doctoral fellow to advance their scholarly research in a constituent university or a recognised college of NUI. You can find a list of NUI institutions at: www.nui.ie/links

5. If successful, when will I begin the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences?

A start date is usually decided by mutual agreement between the successful candidate, the NUI Registrar and the relevant Head of School in the institution where the candidate will be based.

6. Who can apply for this Scholarship?

- 6.1** Candidates must be graduates of doctoral status (awarded no earlier than 1 January 2014), holding any degree of NUI, whose doctorates are in any area of the Sciences.
- 6.2** Full-time, permanent members of staff of the NUI constituent universities, other NUI member institutions, or other higher education institutions are not eligible to apply for this Fellowship.

7. How do I know if I am a graduate of NUI?

You may be an NUI graduate and eligible to apply if you completed a bachelors or masters degree in one of the following:

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- 7.1 NUI constituent university, i.e. UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, Maynooth University;
- 7.2 NUI recognised college, i.e. RCSI, University, Institute of Public Administration;
- 7.3 Other NUI member institutions, i.e. Burren College of Art, NCAD, St. Angela's College, Sligo, Shannon College of Hotel Management, Institute of Banking;
- 7.4 A former constituent university / recognised college of NUI, details of which are available at <http://www.nui.ie/about/history.asp>.

8. My viva is due to take place after the closing date. Am I eligible to apply?

The closing date for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences competition is **26 April 2019**. Applications will be accepted from candidates who will successfully complete their viva examination by **31 May 2019** and can provide evidence (i.e. academic transcript or letter from Head of School) confirming that they have been formally recommended for a doctoral degree by the university in question no later than **30 June 2019**.

9. Section 5.1 of the Regulations lists seven points to be included in the Research Proposal. Do I need to include these seven points in my Research Proposal in the order they are listed in the Regulations?

No. While these seven points should be included in your Research Proposal, the layout of your Research Proposal is up to you.

10. Will a shortlisting process be applied?

Yes, a shortlisting process will apply. The eligible applications are subject to independent review by two subject specialists. The results of this process help determine the shortlist of candidates for interview.

11. When do the interviews take place?

The interviews are held in the NUI offices in Merrion Square, Dublin 2 and are expected to take place on one day in July or August 2019.

12. When are the results of the Post-Doctoral Fellowship competition made available?

All candidates are contacted by email following the conclusion of the independent assessment of the applications. At this point, candidates will be informed if they have been invited for interview.

13. Do you provide feedback on applications?

Yes. Feedback on the assessment process and the comments of the subject specialists can be made available on request.

14. Will NUI contact me formally regarding the outcome of my application in the Post-Doctoral Fellowship competition?

Yes, all candidates are regularly updated regarding the status of their application throughout the assessment process and will be contacted formally regarding the overall outcome of their application when the competition is concluded.