



# NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities 2020

## 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 Humanities are available to download from the NUI website: [www.nui.ie/awards](http://www.nui.ie/awards).

Further queries can be directed to: [awards@nui.ie](mailto:awards@nui.ie)

### **1. What is the NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities?**

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The NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities is intended to encourage and support a doctoral graduate of proven academic excellence to advance their scholarly research while based in an NUI constituent university or recognised college. 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 NUI member institutions.

### **2. What is the value of the NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities?**

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In 2020, one NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities will be offered to NUI graduates in all branches of the Humanities. The value of the Fellowship is €80,000 (€40,000 a year for two years), and also includes employer PRSI and pension contributions. Research support funding will be made available to the Fellow to the value of €5,000 over the two years of the Fellowship; NUI has provided a list for eligible expenditure for this in the Regulations.

### **3. Who can apply for this Post-Doctoral Fellowship?**

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- 3.1** Candidates must be graduates of doctoral status (awarded no earlier than 1 January 2015) whose doctorates are in any area of the Humanities and who hold a degree of NUI.
- 3.2** 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.
- 3.3** Applications for the NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities will only be accepted from interested candidates on two occasions.

### **4. If successful, where will I be based for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities?**

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The successful candidate may elect to take up the Fellowship in any of the constituent universities or recognised colleges of NUI, subject to the agreement of the NUI Senate and the institution concerned. You can find a list of NUI institutions at: [www.nui.ie/links](http://www.nui.ie/links).

### **5. If successful, when can I begin the Post-Doctoral Fellowship?**

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

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

- 7.1 NUI constituent university, i.e. UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, Maynooth University;
- 7.2 NUI recognised college, i.e. RCSI, Institute of Public Administration;
- 7.3 Other NUI member institution, 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 or recognised college of NUI.

A list of current and former NUI institutions is available here: [www.nui.ie/elections/docs/institutions.pdf](http://www.nui.ie/elections/docs/institutions.pdf)

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

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The closing date for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities competition is **27 March 2020**. Applications will be accepted from candidates who will successfully complete their viva examination by **31 May 2020** 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 institution in question no later than **30 June 2020**.

## **8. The Regulations provide a list of what to include in the Research Proposal. Do I need to include these points in my Research Proposal in the order they are listed in the Regulations?**

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No. While these points are to be included in your Research Proposal, the overall layout/structure of this part of your application is up to you.

## **9. Will a shortlisting process be applied?**

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Yes, there will be a shortlisting process. The eligible applications will be subject to independent review by two subject specialists. The results of this process help to determine the shortlist of candidates for interview. All candidates will be contacted by email following the conclusion of the assessment of the applications and will be informed if they have been shortlisted for interview.

## **10. When will the interviews take place?**

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The interviews will be held in the NUI offices in Merrion Square, Dublin 2 and are expected to take place in early July 2020.

## **11. Will feedback on applications be provided?**

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Yes, feedback from the subject specialists can be provided on request once the competition is finished.

## **12. If I am unsuccessful, can I apply again?**

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Candidates who are unsuccessful in the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities competition can re-apply on one further occasion only.

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

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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.