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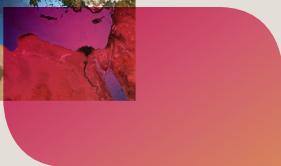
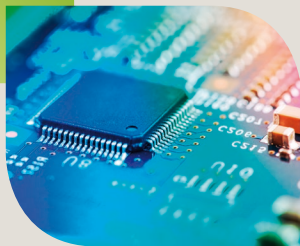
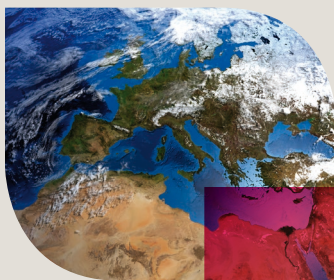
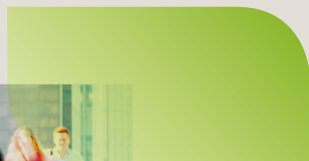
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# INTRODUCTION

BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY, DR MAURICE MANNING

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The annual presentation of NUI Awards is an important event in the University calendar, providing an opportunity for publicly recognising and celebrating the highest levels of academic achievement across the National University of Ireland community. In this exceptionally challenging year, the scholars who have succeeded in attaining such distinction through their abilities, but also through perseverance, hard work and dedication, merit particular commendation.

NUI Awards have been presented since 1908, when the University was founded, and some of our scholarships and prizes are even older, predating the University. It is my honour, as Chancellor, to present these awards today and to build on this great legacy. It is gratifying to be able to continue and renew the University's tradition and heritage of supporting and promoting its most distinguished scholars.

While we in NUI are privileged to get just a glimpse of the talents of our new cohort of NUI Awards recipients, others have no doubt been aware of their abilities and potential for some time. On behalf of NUI, I want to pay tribute to the families and friends who have encouraged and supported our award winners through the years of their education. It is a proud day for you also to see their achievements publicly recognised today. We would have wished to be able to arrange a real celebration and I hope that in spite of the restrictions, it will be possible for you to celebrate the occasion appropriately.

I also pay special tribute to our academic colleagues across NUI for their exceptional contributions this year, in extremely difficult circumstances, to maintaining the standards of academic excellence we are celebrating at this ceremony.

The NUI Awards ceremony is an annual event for us, but each year the fresh mix of students, graduates, families, friends, academic colleagues and areas of academic endeavour makes it a unique occasion that we all enjoy.

NUI Awards are offered across all disciplines and at all academic stages. They are awarded to exceptional scholars at undergraduate, masters, doctoral, post-doctoral, and senior academic level. Those receiving NUI Awards come from across the NUI federation, representing all four constituent universities, the recognised colleges and other associated NUI institutions. I am particularly pleased to see students and graduates of RCSI Medical University Bahrain prominent among the 2020 award winners.

While we are proud of all our NUI Awards recipients this year, there is a group that I want to particularly commend today. In 2020, the global pandemic played havoc with life on our campuses, inhibiting access to laboratories, libraries and other facilities, disrupting studies and forcing the introduction of new ways of teaching and learning. For some of those awarded NUI Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarships and Prizes, it meant an early graduation and an immediate role on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19. In such a demanding year, NUI is very pleased and proud to be able to recognise your exceptional commitment, the sacrifices you have made and the distinction you have achieved.

I offer my warmest congratulations to everyone we are honouring today. The National University of Ireland is proud to celebrate your academic triumphs, and wishes you well in your future endeavours.



**DR MAURICE MANNING**  
Chancellor of the University



# 1. EARLY CAREER & POST-DOCTORAL LEVEL

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## NUI POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE HUMANITIES

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The National University of Ireland has a special fund to provide Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Sciences and the Humanities. The main purpose of these Fellowships is to encourage and support graduates of proven academic excellence to advance their scholarly research. It is expected that the research undertaken will result in a substantial contribution to knowledge, worthy of publication, and contribute to the learning culture in the NUI institutions.

**Dr Eugene Costello, BA, MA, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK & NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SPECIAL COMMENDATION

**Dr Patrizia Setola, MA, PGDip, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

## NUI GRANT SCHEME FOR EARLY CAREER ACADEMICS

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The NUI Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics supports international conference organisation, participation and networking in NUI institutions and in institutions outside of Ireland.

**Dr Sarah Foley, BA, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

**Dr Karzan Zangana, BSc, MSc, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

**Dr James Herterich, BSc, MSc, DPhil**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Dr David Horan, MSc, MRes, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN



**Dr Myrto Manolaki, BSc, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Dr Elise Alonzi, BSc, MA, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Dr Kate Laffan, BComm, MSc, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Dr Tim Groenland, BA, MA, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

**Dr Rachel Moloney, BSc, MSc, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

**Dr Yiannis Kokosalakis, MA, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Dr Anthony Kiely, BSc, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Dr Denis Dennehy, BSc, MComm, PhD**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

## **FULBRIGHT-NUI SCHOLAR AWARD**

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This award is designed to support Early Career Academics to undertake research and lecturing in the United States of America. It is offered in collaboration with the Fulbright Commission in Ireland.

**Dr Leanne Waters, BA, MA, PhD**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN



## 2. POST-GRADUATE LEVEL

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### NUI TRAVELLING DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIPS

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Established in 1910, the NUI Travelling Doctoral Studentship Scheme is one of the University's longest running competitions.

The NUI Travelling Doctoral Studentship Scheme has as its main objectives:

- ▶ to encourage the most able students in the NUI federal system to pursue research;
- ▶ to enable these students to undertake postgraduate research abroad, in the most reputable universities, towards a doctoral degree, or
- ▶ to assist students registered in NUI institutions to foster international partnerships by undertaking substantial research periods overseas as part of their doctoral studies;
- ▶ to attract these scholars back to enrich the learning community within NUI.

In 2020, the following Travelling Doctoral Studentships were offered for competition among graduates of the University:

- ▶ **Travelling Doctoral Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences**
- ▶ **Travelling Doctoral Studentships in the Sciences**

The full value of each Travelling Studentship is €96,000, or €24,000 per annum for up to four years.

## NUI TRAVELLING DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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### **Shruti Rajgopal, BArch, MA**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK  
Early Modern History

### **Clare Geraghty, BA, MA**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK  
Hispanic & Latin American Studies

### **Irene Fogarty, BSocSci, MScocSci, MSc**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN  
World Heritage Conservation

### **Kieran Cremin, BSc, MArch**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK  
Architecture

### **Leanna Wigboldus, BA, MSc**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN  
Prize in World Heritage

## NUI DENIS PHELAN SCHOLARSHIP

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This Scholarship, funded by the NUI robemakers, Phelan Conan Ltd, was established in honour of the late Mr Denis Phelan, Managing Director of Walter Conan Ltd, now Phelan Conan Robemakers. The company has provided academic dress for NUI since the foundation of the University.

In 2020, the NUI Denis Phelan Scholarship of €16,000 was awarded in connection with the competition for the Travelling Doctoral Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences to fund a doctoral student for one year.

### **Megan McAuley, BA, MA**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY  
Irish Social History

## NUI TRAVELLING DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIPS IN THE SCIENCES

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### **Niall Kennedy, BSc**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK  
Theoretical Physics

### **Marie Clara Michel, BSc**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK  
Chemistry

### **Shekemi Denuga, BSc**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN  
Electrochemistry

### **Christopher Hughes, BSc, MAST**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN  
Theoretical Physics

## NUI E J PHELAN FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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This Fellowship is funded by a special bequest from the late Mr Edward J Phelan and Mrs Fernande Phelan, and is valued at €25,000. It supports a doctoral candidate of proven academic excellence, who is at an advanced stage of their studies towards a doctoral degree in any area of International Law, and who is based in a constituent university of NUI.

### **Aphrodite Papachristodoulou, LLB, LLM**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### **SPECIAL COMMENDATION**

### **Judit Villena Rodó, LLB, LLM**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

## NUI SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZE IN EDUCATION

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The NUI Scholarship and Prize in Education, valued at €2,000 and €1,000 respectively, are awarded to the top two students in the Professional Masters Degree in Education or An Máistir Gairmiúil san Oideachas programme in the constituent universities, and the National College of Art and Design.

### SCHOLARSHIP

**Ailbhe Travers, BA, PME**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

### PRIZE

**Sarah Kelleher, BComm, PME**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

## DUASEANNA AN DR T K WHITAKER SA GHAELGE

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NUI is delighted to offer Irish language prizes in memory of the former NUI Chancellor, Dr T K Whitaker. These prizes are intended to encourage and recognise outstanding academic achievement by students enrolled in a taught masters degree programme in Irish in an NUI constituent university. Two prizes, valued at €2,000 and €1,000 respectively, have been awarded.

Is mór ag Ollscoil na hÉireann duaiseanna Gaeilge a chur ar fáil i gcuimhne larsheansailéir OÉ, an Dr T K Whitaker. Is í an aidhm atá leis na duaiseanna seo ná chun spreagadh agus aitheantas a thabhairt d'éacht acadúil den scoth i mic léinn atá cláraithe do mháistreachtaí teagaisc sa Ghaeilge i gcomhollscoil OÉ. Bronnadh dhá dhuais, ar luach €2,000 agus €1,000 faoi seach.

### AN CHÉAD DUAIS

**Elisaveta Richardovna Everard, BA, MA**

OLLSCOIL MHÁ NUAD

### AN DARA DUAIS

**Póilín Nic Géidigh, BA, MA**

OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN, GAILLIMH

# 3. GRADUATE LEVEL

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## PIERCE MALONE SCHOLARSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY

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This long-standing and prestigious Scholarship was established with funds willed to the University by Pierce Malone. The Scholarship in Philosophy is awarded in connection with the Honours BA Degree Examination in Philosophy, and is valued at €2,000.

**Kellan Scott, BA**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

## MANSION HOUSE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

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The Mansion House Fund is designed to promote 'the study of Irish Language, Literature and History.' The Mansion House Fund has, for many years, provided for the award of a Scholarship and a Prize in Irish. In addition, the NUI Senate established an award in Irish History in 1999. These awards are based on the results of the examinations for the honours primary degrees in Irish and Irish History in the constituent universities. The Scholarships are valued at €2,000 and Prizes at €1,300.

## SCOLÁIREACHT AGUS DUAIS CHISTE THEACH AN ARDMHÉARA SA GHAEILGE - MANSION HOUSE FUND SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZE IN IRISH

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### SCOLÁIREACHT

**Darragh Fitzpatrick, BA**

OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN, GAILLIMH

### DUAIS

**Seán Gunning, BCL**

COLÁISTE NA HOLLSCOILE CORCAIGH

## MANSION HOUSE FUND SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZE IN IRISH HISTORY

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### SCHOLARSHIP

**Fiachra Mahony, BA**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### PRIZE

**Patrick Duffy, BA**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

## NUI ART AND DESIGN PRIZE

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This Prize is offered annually for a piece of work by a graduate of the National College of Art and Design in one of the Art and Design disciplines. The Prize is a purchase prize worth €2,000; the artist's work becomes the property of NUI and is displayed in the NUI offices in Merrion Square.

**Linda McCann, BA**

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

## NUI CLUB LONDON SCHOLARSHIP

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The NUI Club London Scholarship was established by Senate with funds from a bequest by NUI Club London following its dissolution in 2003. The Scholarship was first awarded in 2005 and is valued at €2,000. The Scholarship is awarded in a different discipline each year.

In 2020, the Scholarship was awarded to the top student in the final year of the programme leading to the BA (Hons) in Visual Culture offered at the National College of Art and Design.

**Tom Conlon, BA**

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT MEDALS AND NUI PRIZES FOR DISTINCTION IN COLLABORATIVE DEGREES

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In an era of globalisation in higher education, a welcome feature has been the significant growth in collaboration between Irish and French universities. In recognition of the importance of such collaboration as part of the formation of students for international careers, NUI has come together with the French Embassy in Ireland to highlight collaborative postgraduate and doctoral programmes which have been established between the constituent universities and institutions in France.

The NUI constituent universities are invited to nominate a distinguished student from a dual degree or collaborative programme to receive a French Government Medal and an NUI Prize of €1,000.

### **Caroline Twarog, PhD**

PHD IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN & UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SUD

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT MEDALS AND NUI PRIZES FOR PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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Since 1926, the French Government has annually presented medals to NUI to be awarded for proficiency in French. In addition to the medal, NUI awards a prize of €1,000 to each of the recipients.

### **Clíona Nic Lochlainn, BA**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### **Nina Koistinen, BCL**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### **Fiach Mac Fhionnlaoidh, BA**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### **Damien Walls, BA**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY



# 4. UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

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## DR HENRY HUTCHINSON STEWART SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

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First established in 1888 following a bequest from the estate of Dr Henry Hutchinson Stewart, the Dr H H Stewart Literary and Medical Scholarships and Prizes are among the oldest awards to be offered for competition by NUI. They were previously awarded by the Royal University of Ireland until its dissolution in 1908. Under the terms of the bequest, it was provided that two-thirds of the income be allocated for the provision of medical scholarships and one-third for the provision of literary scholarships.

## NUI DR H H STEWART LITERARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

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These awards are based on the results of First Year or Stage One Examinations in language, literature and culture modules in Chinese, English, French, Gaeilge, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish.

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### Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in Chinese

**Chloe Magner**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

#### SECOND PRIZE

**Marium Baig**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

#### THIRD PRIZE

**Ciara Corbett**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in English

**Lorraine Haigney**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

### SECOND PRIZE

**Mark Jackson**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### THIRD PRIZE

**Siofra O'Regan**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in French

**Laura Murphy**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Sophia Tedaldi**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### THIRD PRIZE

**Ciara Hutchinson**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in Gaeilge

**Gormfhaith Ní Shíocháin Ní Bheoláin**

COLÁISTE NA HOLLSCOILE CORCAIGH

### SECOND PRIZE

**Ann Burnell**

OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN, GAILLIMH

### THIRD PRIZE

**Colm McGoldrick**

OLLSCOIL MHÁ NUAD

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in German

**Miranda Bauer**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### SECOND PRIZE

**Roslyn Cuffe Kelly**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Michael Power**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in Italian

**Rebecca Duffy**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SECOND PRIZE

**Lisa Lee Fitzgerald**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### THIRD PRIZE

**Haoyang Jiao**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in Latin

**Willy Kraus**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

### SECOND PRIZE

**Christopher Gault**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Chisato Oda**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship in Spanish

**Gemma Heron**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### SECOND PRIZE

**Sofia Marchetti**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Zoya Richardovna Everard**

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

### COMMENDATION

**Ciara Hutchinson**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

## NUI DR H H STEWART MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

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Every year, the top-ranking students from Medicine and the Health Sciences are nominated by NUI constituent universities and other NUI member institutions to participate in the competitions for the Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarships and Prizes.

The participating institutions include UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, RCSI, St Angela's College, Sligo, and overseas campuses linked to NUI institutions, including RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus, Perdana University, and RCSI Bahrain.

The Scholarships and Prizes offered in clinical subjects are based on specially-set written examinations taken by medical students nominated by each of the participating Medical Schools.

The Scholarships and Prizes in Dentistry, Diagnostic Imaging, Nursing, Midwifery, and other Health Science subjects are based on course work and examination materials of students who are nominated by their Faculties, Schools and Departments.

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### Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Anaesthesia

#### **Conor Murray**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

#### **SECOND PRIZE**

#### **Elizabeth Maher, MB BCh BAO**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

#### **THIRD PRIZE**

#### **Edel Costelloe, MB BCh BAO**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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### Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Anatomy

#### **Kristopher Coppin**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

#### **SECOND PRIZE**

#### **Elisa Miresse**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

#### **THIRD PRIZE**

#### **Aisling Walsh**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Biochemistry

**Bryant Lim Po-Yuen**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Michael Noonan**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### THIRD PRIZE

**Adithi Gowda**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Clinical Radiology

**John Cosgrave, MB BCh BAO**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SECOND PRIZE

**Catherine Henry, MB BCh BAO**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### THIRD PRIZE

**Luke Kelly, MB BCh BAO**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in General Practice

**Colum Horan**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### SECOND PRIZE

**Genevieve Callander**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Shane Kelly, MB BCh BAO**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Gynaecology and Obstetrics

**Jasmine Dhillon**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### SECOND PRIZE

**Orla Moran**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Rula Jamal Naqi**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND - BAHRAIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Medical Microbiology

**Raza Abbas Syed**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SECOND PRIZE

**Ali Abdulghani Binabdi**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### THIRD PRIZE

**Taibah Hussain Aladraj**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND - BAHRAIN

### COMMENDATION

**Terence Smeaton**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Medicine

**Colm Hannon, MB BCh BAO**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Bassam Alhamer, MB BCh BAO**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND - BAHRAIN

### THIRD PRIZE

**Daire Hurley, MB BCh BAO**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Ophthalmology

**Rory Holohan**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**John Tepper, MB BCh BAO**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Orla O'Flynn, MB BCh BAO**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Paediatrics

### **Sinead Burke**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### **SECOND PRIZE**

### **Mina Iskandar**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND - BAHRAIN

### **Emma Callaghan**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Pathology

### **Dylan O'Donovan**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### **SECOND PRIZE**

### **Nell Garvey**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### **THIRD PRIZE**

### **Aisling Stafford**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Pharmacology

### **Terence Smeaton**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### **SECOND PRIZE**

### **Michelle Dunne**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### **THIRD PRIZE**

### **Poh Yu Hui**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Physiology

### **Shin Tien Seo**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### **SECOND PRIZE**

### **Kerissa Vinata Ramasar**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### **THIRD PRIZE**

### **Eoghan Ó Buachalla**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Psychiatry

**Susannah Ryan**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### SECOND PRIZE

**Eilís Margaret Ní Chinnéide**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### THIRD PRIZE

**Mustafa Hammad**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND - BAHRAIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Public Health

**Grainne O'Mahoney**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Li Ying Tay**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

**Niamh Smyth**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Surgery

**Brian Gordon, MB BCh BAO**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SECOND PRIZE

**James Toale, MB BCh BAO**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### THIRD PRIZE

**Thomas Harty, MB BCh BAO**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Dentistry

**Yenn Ruong Lim**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Natalie Ng Wen Qi**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK



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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Diagnostic Imaging

### Grace Judge

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### SECOND PRIZE

### Ellen Fitzgerald

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Midwifery

### Niamh Enright, BSc

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

### Aisling Kenny, BSc

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

### THIRD PRIZE

### Rachel Kertis, BMwSc

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in General Nursing

### Aoife Dunleavy, BNSc

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SECOND PRIZE

### Lisa Lyons, BNSc

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### THIRD PRIZE

### Maria Shankey

ST. ANGELA'S COLLEGE, SLIGO

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Mental Health Nursing

### Chloe Doyle, BSc

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

### Emma Cullen, BSc

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### THIRD PRIZE

### Muibat Cole, BNSc

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Occupational Therapy

**Louise Coombes**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Cathal Connolly**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Pharmacy

**Fiona Hogan, BPharm (ex aequo)**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

**Weronika Winnicka, BSc (ex aequo)**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Physiotherapy

**Phoebe Warren**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

### SECOND PRIZE

**James Wright**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Podiatry

**Romeo Sibanda**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

### SECOND PRIZE

**Caoimhe Fallon**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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## Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarship in Speech and Language Therapy

**Helena Walsh, BSc (ex aequo)**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

**Orlaith Twomey, BSc (ex aequo)**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

### SECOND PRIZE

**Emily Hehir, BSc**

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

# 5. NUI AWARDS 2020 RECIPIENTS

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## NUI POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE HUMANITIES

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**Dr Eugene Costello** is an archaeologist and historian with an interest in marginalised peoples and places. He completed his PhD in 2016 at the National University of Ireland, Galway, with support from Irish Research Council and Hardiman scholarships. Since then he has held a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship at the prestigious Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies in University of Notre Dame and a post-doctoral fellowship in environmental humanities at Stockholm University. As NUI Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dr Costello will use archaeological, historical and environmental evidence to develop a radical periphery-centred perspective on the emergence of capitalism in late medieval and early modern Europe. Focusing on ‘marginal’ upland communities in Ireland and Sweden, he will ask how farmers adapted to growing market demands for meat and dairy and determine their role, as food suppliers, in the development of commercial urban centres. This project will help the Humanities to start contributing to the debate on rural sustainability by highlighting the agency of rural people and also the long-term consequences of commercial livestock production for community and landscape alike.



**Dr Patrizia Setola** holds degrees in general and experimental psychology, cognitive science, and applied animal behaviour and welfare science. She obtained a PhD in animal ethics from UCD School of Philosophy, with a dissertation entitled ‘Ethical Encounters with Sentient Others’. In her next research project, she intends to explore the possibility of moral progress in our relations with nonhuman animals and the natural environment. She will address both conceptual and practical questions, considering what would constitute moral progress in this context, and which conditions would help bring it about, at the individual as well as the socio-political level.

## FULBRIGHT-NUI SCHOLAR AWARD

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**Dr Leanne Waters** is an adjunct lecturer at the School of English, Drama and Film in University College Dublin. Her primary research areas include literature of the long nineteenth century, bestsellers, popular culture, modernity, and transatlantic exchange. She is currently in the process of completing her first monograph under the working title of *God in the Marketplace: Christianity, Melodrama, and the Late-Victorian Bestseller*. As a Fulbright-NUI Scholar, she will be carrying out archival research at DePaul University in Chicago for her monograph, *Transatlantic Frontiers: The Emergence of the Western in Nineteenth-Century Popular Boys' Fiction*. The project analyses the defining features of the modern Western, as well as the material processes that aided its emergence and tremendous popularity between 1879 and 1914. While frontier fiction of this time was crucial to the formation of national (American) identities, this monograph examines the extent to which it was also part of broader, transatlantic paradigms and communities, which were rooted in and dictated by market conditions, as well as cultural exchange between Britain and America.

## NUI TRAVELLING DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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**Shruti Rajgopal** is a PhD student at the School of History in University College Cork and is attached to the Centre for Neo-Latin Studies. She holds an MA in Renaissance Latin Culture from UCC and a Bachelors in Architecture from Sir. J.J. College of Architecture, Mumbai, India. Shruti's PhD is in the area of Early Modern History, and her research aims to introduce early modern India to the field of Neo-Latin scholarship. She is studying Latin texts written during the Renaissance that describe India, or that were written in India. She will examine ethnographic sources describing India during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, studying European perceptions of India, and Indian responses to the Europeans, paying particular attention to the teaching and learning of Latin in India. Her NUI Travelling Doctoral Studentship will help fund archival research in India, Italy, the UK, Portugal, and elsewhere.



**Clare Geraghty** graduated from Maynooth University with a BA in French and Spanish and from University College Cork with an MA in Languages and Cultures. She started her PhD in the Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies in UCC in January 2020. Her current research focuses on queer feminist hip-hop in the context of the Cuban diaspora in the United States of America. She is studying the work of hip-hop artists and activists, Krudxs Cubensi, and their ‘fierce feminist hip hop and Afro-Cuban flavours’. Her work investigates how a nuanced understanding of the experiences of queers of colour can contribute to the creation of more inclusive feminist spaces. She will practically apply key concepts from her research to the real-life contexts which they address: migration and movement, minority identity in diasporic space, public performance. During her Studentship, she will travel to Cuba and to the USA.



**Irene Fogarty** holds Masters Degrees from University College Dublin in both World Heritage and Sociology. She is pursuing her doctorate in World Heritage at UCD, funded by the IRC-Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship. Irene’s research focuses on co-management of Canada’s current and tentative World Heritage sites by Indigenous peoples and State/provincial authorities. As this calls for extensive travel within Canada, she applied for the NUI Travelling Doctoral Studentship. She is hugely honoured to have secured this prestigious award, which will fund travel to case study sites. During her research, she looks forward to working with Indigenous peoples, co-producing articles and presenting findings to community members, academic and professional audiences. Irene hopes this work will impact protected areas conservation to enable Indigenous-led, equitable and rights-based governance.



**Kieran Cremin** graduated from the Cork Centre for Architectural Education (UCC & CIT) in 2015. His joint-thesis project 'Entangled City', which examined cultural dissonance in the city of Prague, was awarded the "European Architectural Medal for Innovation" and was published in BLANKSPACE's architectural *Fairy Tales* (2016). Kieran's research explores 'Violence + Haunted Space in the work of Cormac McCarthy' and 'Landsmaul: the spatial problematics of the American Landscape'. He is a doctoral candidate in Architecture by Design at the University of Edinburgh. Kieran's research will examine the literature of Cormac McCarthy through the design approach of the architect. As a Travelling Doctoral Studentship recipient, his goal is to set up an exchange of knowledge between Edinburgh, University College Cork, and a major US university, which will enable research and fieldwork across the American landscape.



**Leanna Wigboldus** holds a BA in Art History and English from the University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada), and an MSc in World Heritage Management and Conservation from University College Dublin. Following her graduation, Leanna completed a number of heritage research contracts, including with Heritage Malta and the ICOMOS International Secretariat in Paris, before beginning her PhD in World Heritage at UCD in 2019. Her research focuses on the importance of traditional knowledges and biocultural practices at World Heritage continuing cultural landscapes and their contribution to site continuity and sustainability. The Travelling Doctoral Studentship Prize will support Leanna's additional research visits and on-site field work at various cultural landscapes in Europe.

## NUI DENIS PHELAN SCHOLARSHIP

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**Megan McAuley** is a first-year PhD candidate in the Department of History at Maynooth University. Her research focuses on the lived experiences of children in Co. Donegal from the mid-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century. She will consider themes including gender, class, education, agency, child crime and punishment, health, welfare and institutionalisation. These themes will be analysed in local, provincial and nationwide contexts, as Co. Donegal is situated significantly on the periphery of Ireland and the border of Northern Ireland following partition. Megan is particularly interested in the experiences of children who emigrated from Co. Donegal and minority groups who lived in or immigrated to the county. She hopes to unite local history with the theme of childhood and to rediscover the voices of children who have been forgotten in social histories of Irish childhood so far. As a recipient of the NUI Denis Phelan Scholarship, Megan will have the opportunity to undertake archival research in the US, UK and Australia, alongside visiting the Centre for the History of Childhood at Oxford University.

## NUI TRAVELLING DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIPS IN THE SCIENCES

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**Niall Kennedy** graduated in 2019 with a BSc in Physics from University College Cork, and is now undertaking a PhD in Physics. Niall focuses on visualization of electronic quantum matter at atomic scale using some of the world's most advanced scanning microscopes including the newly invented Scanning Josephson Tunnelling Microscope (SJTM). For maximum proficiency SJTM must operate in ultra-low-vibration and ultra-low-temperature (ULVT) facilities. Niall will use the NUI Travelling Doctoral Studentship to carry out research at Oxford University where the ULVT laboratories, which are around 30m underground, allow atomic resolution SJTM visualization of exotic states of electronic matter, most importantly in high temperature and topological superconductors.



**Marie Clara Michel** is a graduate of University College Cork with a BSc in Chemistry. She is undertaking doctoral research in UCC, which is focused on developing a general method to create chiral molecules. Chiral compounds are asymmetric in nature with 80% of new drug candidates in development being chiral. Current methods for synthesising chiral compounds such as kinetic resolution involve disposing of at least 50% of the chiral product, which is wasteful. Marie Clara plans to develop a method which uses less materials without wasting any product, using a combination of ground-breaking new experimental methodology and high-level computational modelling. She will travel to the University of Cologne in Germany as part of her studies, to work under the guidance of leading experts in the field of computational chemistry in organic chemistry.



**Shekemi Denuga** is a Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology graduate from University College Dublin. She will be undertaking her Travelling Doctoral Studentship at UCD, which possesses state-of-the-art laboratories and facilities, making it an ideal institution to pursue a postgraduate degree. Her research focuses on the development of a sensor technology based on ion-current rectification in a conical nanopore for the detection of DNA indicative of infectious diseases. The aim of the sensor developed is to be both rapid and cost effective and thus compatible for integration into a point-of-care diagnostic device. She will be travelling to Arkansas, USA to receive training in finite element simulations, and to the University of Strathclyde in Scotland and the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing to collaborate with two world-leading groups.



**Christopher Hughes** studied Theoretical Physics at University College Dublin before completing a Masters in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at the University of Cambridge. With the support of the NUI Travelling Doctoral Studentship in Theoretical Physics, he will return to the University of Cambridge, and the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics in particular, to undertake a PhD. The Studentship has given him the opportunity to be supervised by one of the world's foremost experts in the Fundamental Physics of the early universe. His doctoral research will focus on the quantum aspects of gravity (String Theory) and its physical implications, especially to Cosmology.



## NUI E J PHELAN FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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**Aphrodite Papachristodoulou** holds an LLB from the University of Southampton and a Master's degree in Maritime Law from University College London, and is currently undertaking her PhD at University College Dublin. Against the backdrop of the European migration crisis, her thesis examines the relationship between the law of the sea and human rights in exploring the humanitarian objective of saving lives of those in distress at sea with the aim of recognising an individual right to be rescued. While scholars have begun to look at the overlapping fields of human rights, law of the sea and refugee law with regard to interdiction at sea and the treatment of migrants, there has not yet been any extensive consideration of the right to life as it pertains specifically to the duty to rescue and to the operational framework of search and rescue. Aphrodite's ultimate aim, post-successful defence of her thesis, is to disseminate her research through academic publications as well as the publication of a monograph. She aims to secure a funded post-doctoral research position, with the ultimate goal of becoming a professor in International Law.







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