

School of Law Doctoral Scholarships

Including

Centre for Disability Law & Policy

Irish Centre for Human Rights

The School of Law, NUI Galway is committed to high-quality research and to enhancing its position as a centre of scholarship, nationally and internationally. The key research strength of the School of Law lies in the area of public law but many of its academics are research-active in areas of private law and legal and political theory. For further information on the School of Law and the research profiles of its academic staff, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/research/>

The School is renowned for its two main research centres, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy. The Irish Centre for Human Rights makes significant contributions to developing of a body of specialised human rights, international humanitarian law and conflict studies literature. The Centre has an established international reputation for excellence in research, teaching and advocacy in human rights and related fields. The Centre for Disability Law & Policy provides an innovative model for interdisciplinary research. It has formed an active collaboration with the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology and the Child and Family Support Research Centre. Its focus is the production of research that contributes to the resolution of disability law reform issues in Ireland. In doing so it aims to expand the range of policy solutions for Government and equip those who advocate for change with relevant comparative research. The School of Law is also home to two other centres, the Centre for Housing Law Rights and Policy and Marine Law and Ocean Policy Centre.

The School of Law is currently accepting applications for two PhD Scholarships. These Scholarships are awarded for a period of four years, subject to verification of satisfactory progress at the end of each year. The Scholarships are available for the academic year 2015/2016 and will commence immediately upon award. Each Scholarship is worth €16,000 per year for four years, a proportion of which will be used to cover fees. The Scholarships are awarded for the purpose of enabling the holder to undertake a fulltime Structured PhD at the School of Law. The holder may not simultaneously register for another course. Preference will be given to new entrants and those PhD students in the first year of their doctoral studies.

The holders of these Scholarships will reside in Galway, Ireland and will engage in research and undertake related teaching and other duties within the School and/or one of the Centres in accordance with University policy in addition to pursuing their own doctoral research. Those interested in applying should submit the following:

- A **curriculum vitae** with the names and contact details of two referees;
- A **personal statement** (max 500 words), indicating why the applicant should be considered for the scholarship;
- A **statement of the proposed doctoral research** (max 2,000 words), outlining:

- The central research question;
- The proposed methodology;
- The intended contribution to existing scholarship;
- A research plan encompassing intended time-frames for the different stages of the research;
- A training and career development plan to support and build upon the research.

In advance of their application, applicants must also have received provisional agreement for supervision from an academic supervisor drawn from the School of Law or its Centres. Application materials must be sent to lawfellowships@nuigalway.ie by close of business on Friday 16th October, 2015. Incomplete applications or late applications will be deemed ineligible. Applicants may be shortlisted for interview. Successful Scholarship candidates will be required to submit a full application for the full-time Structured PhD program to Postgraduate Admission Centre (www.pac.ie), with the final award conditional on admission by the University. Scholarships are not available for persons undertaking PhD studies at any other University.

For further details on doctoral studies please contact the Director of the Doctoral Programme in the School of Law:

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