



**Trinity College Dublin**

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

## Post Specification

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| <b>Post Title:</b>                               | PhD Studentship                                                                             |
| <b>Post Status:</b>                              | Full-Time                                                                                   |
| <b>Research Group /<br/>Department / School:</b> | School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin, the<br>University of Dublin        |
| <b>Location:</b>                                 | 24 D'Olier Street,<br>Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin<br>Dublin 2, Ireland |
| <b>Reports to:</b>                               | Prof Damien Brennan                                                                         |
| <b>Terms &amp; Conditions:</b>                   | €25,000 annual stipend plus academic fees (EU or non EU)                                    |
| <b>Hours of Work:</b>                            | 35 Hours per week                                                                           |
| <b>Closing Date:</b>                             | 12 Noon (GMT), 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                                                |

**NOTE: Applicants must have been resident in an EU member state for 3 out of the last 5 years to be eligible for EU fees**

## Post Summary

A 4 years Postgraduate Research Studentship is available to new entrants on the full-time PhD register for entry in **September each year**. Applicants must have received a minimum of 2.1 Honours degree to be eligible for the award. The postgraduate studentship aims to support and develop gifted research students and is awarded competitively on academic merit. It fully covers EU or non-EU fees and provides an annual maintenance of €25,000.

Applications investigating topics within national strategies and/or the School research agenda are particularly welcome. You may select your own topic but you can also choose from the following school expertise:

Research Centres:

- Trinity Centre for Maternal Care Research (TCMCR)
- Trinity Research in Childhood Centre (TRiCC)
- Trinity Centre for Ageing and Intellectual Disabilities (TCAID)
- Trinity Centre for Practice and Healthcare Innovation (TCPHI)

Thematic areas:

- Mental Health and Recovery
- Older persons health & well-being

Applications will be scored according to the following criteria:

- Quality of research proposal - Background and originality, aims and objectives, methodology and methods
- Relevance to School's Research Agenda
- Academic support for the Applicant
- Review of Educational Preparation, References and Career Development

Prospective students are advised that they need to contact and work with a member(s) of the academic staff in the School of Nursing and Midwifery to develop their proposal to a level suitable for application.

For further information on these research themes, please visit [www.nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/research](http://www.nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/research)

### **Standard Duties and Responsibilities of the Post**

- Postgraduate studentships **cannot** continue beyond the fourth year on the PhD register.
- Conduct a specified programme of research and scholarship.
- Engage in the wider research and scholarly activities.

### **Funding Information**

TCD funded studentship.

€25,000 annual stipend plus academic fees (EU or Non-EU)

### **Person Specification**

#### **Qualifications**

A minimum of 2.1 Honours degree

#### **Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)**

An understanding of the research process in healthcare would be beneficial to the post.

#### **Skills & Competencies**

- A self-motivated, enthusiastic and dynamic approach to work
- Excellent organisation and communication skills

### **Application Procedure**

Applications are submitted via the following link

<http://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/research/schools/nursing-midwifery.php>

And should include:

- Cover letter and CV
- Two letters of reference (academic)
- Research proposal of maximum 3,000 words

### Further Information for Applicants

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| URL Link to Area            | <a href="http://www.tcd.ie">www.tcd.ie</a>                                                              |
| URL Link to Human Resources | <a href="https://www.tcd.ie/hr/">https://www.tcd.ie/hr/</a>                                             |
| URL Link to School          | <a href="http://www.nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/research">http://www.nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/research</a> |
| URL Link to Area            | <a href="http://www.tcd.ie">www.tcd.ie</a>                                                              |
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### School of Nursing and Midwifery

As the first highest-ranking School of Nursing and Midwifery in Ireland (26<sup>th</sup> in the World in the subject of Nursing.) we are committed to the provision of a first-rate educational experience for the high-quality students that we serve. Our vision is to be the best school possible for Nursing and Midwifery education and research. We aim to position our nurse and midwife graduates for work at the forefront of cutting-edge developments in modern health care building upon a foundation of core values for nursing and midwifery i.e. care, compassion and competence. Our nurse and midwife graduates enjoy a worldwide reputation for excellence and are highly employable undertaking diverse roles at all levels within health systems both nationally and internationally.

Trinity College Dublin is closely aligned with several partner healthcare organisations including large academic teaching hospitals, regional hospitals, maternity hospitals, children's hospitals, mental health services, and a wide range of community health and social care services. We are the linked university to the Dublin Midlands Hospital Groups- a network of hospitals including St. James Hospital, Tallaght Hospital, Naas General Hospital, Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise, Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore, Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital and the St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network.

A review of our website will demonstrate why we developed a national and international reputation for undertaking innovative and world class research that is positively impacting the quality of the health care experience and delivery in Ireland and beyond.

We are one of only two schools of Nursing and Midwifery in Ireland that provide undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in all Nursing disciplines (Children's, General, Intellectual Disability, and Psychiatric Nursing) and in Midwifery. The multidisciplinary team within the School and our health service partners are committed to providing you with an exceptional clinical and theoretical educational experience within a nurturing environment. When you study at the Trinity College School of Nursing and Midwifery you will develop the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges and complexities of working and practicing in the health care service of the future, as well as the innovative skills and leadership abilities required to influence future policy and service provision.

The School's Strategic Plan for the next number of years seeks to continually re-invigorate the student and academic experience across our undergraduate, postgraduate, international, research, practice and community engagement roles. If you wish to learn more about the vision and activities within the School, or you would like to study within the School please contact us; our administrative and academic staff will be glad to help you.

## **Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin**

Trinity is Ireland's leading university and is ranked 87th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2025). Founded in 1592, the University is steeped in history with a reputation for excellence in education, research and innovation.

Located on an iconic campus in the heart of Dublin's city centre, Trinity has 18,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across our three faculties – Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and Health Sciences.

Trinity is ranked as the 16th most international university in the world (Times Higher Education Rankings 2023) and has students and staff from over 120 countries.

The pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of a Trinity education, and our researchers have an outstanding publication record and strong record of grant success. Trinity has developed 19 broad-based multidisciplinary research themes that cut across disciplines and facilitate world-leading research and collaboration within the University and with colleagues around the world. Trinity is also home to 5 leading flagship research institutes:

- Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute (TBSI)
- Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience (TCIN)
- Trinity Translational Medical Institute (TTMI)
- Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute (TLRH)
- Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN)

Trinity is 1st in Europe for Producing Entrepreneurs for the 7th year in a row and Europe's only representative in the world's top-50 universities (Pitchbook 2021-2022).

Trinity is home to the famous Old Library and to the historic Book of Kells as well as other internationally significant holdings in manuscripts, maps and early printed material. The Trinity

Library is a legal deposit library, granting the University the right to claim a copy of every book published in Ireland and the UK. At present, the Library's holdings span approximately 6.5 million printed items, 400,000 e-books and 150,000 e-journals.

With over 120,000 alumni, Trinity's tradition of independent intellectual inquiry has produced some of the world's finest, most original minds including the writers Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett (Nobel laureates), the mathematician William Rowan Hamilton and the physicist Ernest Walton (Nobel laureate), the political thinker Edmund Burke, and the former President of Ireland Mary Robinson. This tradition finds expression today in a campus culture of scholarship, innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and dedication to societal reform.

## **Rankings**

Trinity College Dublin is the top ranked university in Ireland. Using the QS methodology we are ranked 98<sup>th</sup> in the world and using the Times Higher Education World University Ranking methodology we are 146<sup>th</sup> in the World.

- Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's No.1 University (QS World University Ranking 2023, Times Higher Education Rankings 2022)
- Trinity is ranked 98<sup>th</sup> in the World (QS World University Ranking 2023)
- Trinity is ranked No.1 in Europe for Producing Entrepreneurs for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row Pitchbook 2021-2022

Full details are available at: [www.tcd.ie/research/about/rankings](http://www.tcd.ie/research/about/rankings).

## **The Selection Process in Trinity**

The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) may include members of the Academic and Administrative community together with External Assessor(s) who are expert in the area. Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 1 day of submitting your application online, please contact the named Recruitment Partner on the job specification immediately and prior to the closing date/time.

Given the degree of co-ordination and planning to have a Selection Committee available on the specified date, the University regrets that it may not be in a position to offer alternate selection dates. Where candidates are unavailable, reserves may be drawn from a shortlist. Outcomes of interviews are notified in writing to candidates and are issued no later than 5 working days following the selection day.

In some instances the Selection Committee may avail of telephone or video conferencing. The University's selection methods may consist of any or all of the following: Interviews, Presentations, Psychometric Testing, References and Situational Exercises.

It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full pre-employment medicals. Information supplied by candidates in their application (Cover Letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Highly-Skilled-Eligible-Occupations-List/> and the Ineligible Categories of Employment are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/> . Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.

## **Equal Opportunities Policy**

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. Trinity's Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at <https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement>.

## Application Procedure

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Candidate should submit their application, along with a full Curriculum Vitae and a word version of a 3000 word maximum research proposal, Online at the following link:

<http://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/research/schools/nursing-midwifery.php>

If you have any application queries, please contact Marie Pierre Lavergne:

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