

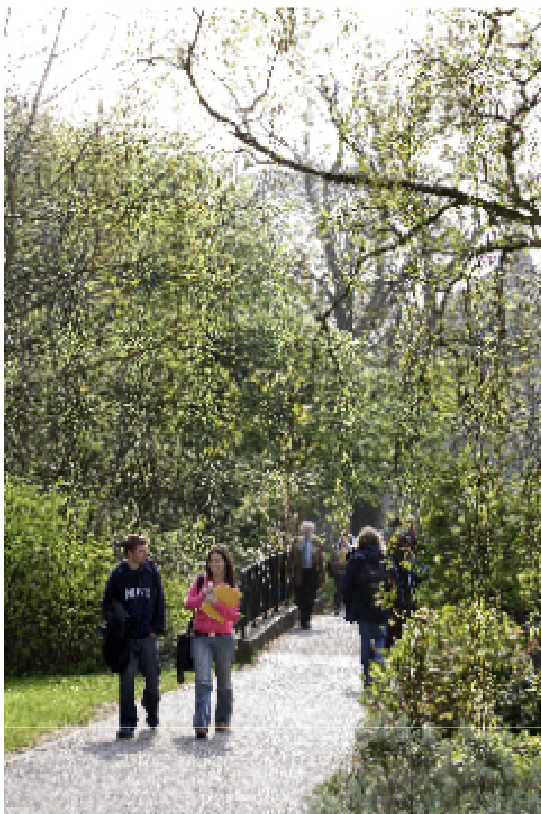


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# Postgraduate Funding Opportunities for Research Students

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# Introduction

- Postgraduate qualifications valued by employers in both private and public sector
- Where to begin?
  - Programmes
  - Funding - Apply for all relevant awards, big and small!
- PhD as a route to what?
  - Academia? ~20% of PhDs only
  - Talk to your supervisor
  - Publications: Where? Impact factor?
  - Conferences: Select carefully, begin with poster presentation, apply for own funding
- What are my funding options?
  - Personal scholarships versus Project funded scholarships
  - Internal & External



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## NUIM John & Pat Hume Scholarships

- **2013-14 Terms & Conditions:**
  - Applicants with 1<sup>st</sup> class honours/2.1 with 1<sup>st</sup> in relevant discipline, intending to pursue a PhD programme (can start as Research Masters), if in Faculty of Science & Engineering: 2.1 with first in final year research project also qualifies
  - Value: Fees + €5k stipend, some departments can award additional €3k for University related activities (demonstrations, tutorials etc.)
  - Duration up to 4 years, subject to satisfactory progress
  - 2014-15 call expected in March, application deadline early May
  - Existing postgraduate research students ineligible for the current degree
  - To date: scholarships available in each department/Institute

# Irish Research Council

[www.research.ie](http://www.research.ie)



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- Created in 2012 following merge of the Irish Research Council for Sciences, Engineering and Technology, and the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Postgraduate schemes open to all disciplines
- Duration up to 2 years for structured Research Masters and up to 4 years for structured PhD
- One start date – Oct 2014
- 2 attempts only
- Current students eligible (except for Employment Based scheme)
- Maximum value of award €24k per year (€16k stipend, fees up to €5,750 per year, optional research expenses allowance up to €2,750 per year)



## Irish Research Council – overview of schemes

Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarships	Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postgraduate Scholarships	Employment Based Postgraduate Research Scheme
1 call - expected before Christmas	2 calls - 1st call expected before Christmas	piloted in 2013, a separate summer call in 2013
Research Masters & PhD	Research Masters & PhD	Research Masters & PhD
Full time student	Full time student	Employed by Partner, registered full time student
Scholarship 16k/year, up to 4 years	Scholarship 16k/year, up to 4 years	Salary minimum 24k/year, new students only, up to 4 years
Irish Research Council 100% funded	Funding: IRC 66%, Enterprise partner 33%	IRC funding 16k towards salary costs + 8k for fees and research expenses; remaining salary costs Partner
no partner	Enterprise Partner based anywhere	Partner must have operational base in Ireland
	IPR agreement	IPR agreement



## Enterprise Partnership Scheme

- Any discipline
- NUIM applicants very high success rate
- Enterprise Partners already participating listed at IRC's website
- IPR agreement must be signed before funding can commence
- Flexibility regarding Enterprise Partner's involvement in the project & fellow's placement with Partner



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## Employment Based Postgraduate Research Scheme

- Any discipline
- Scheme piloted in 2012, second call expected this summer
- Student must be employed for the duration of the Research Masters/PhD by the partner, minimum salary €24k per year
- Student must spent 50% - 70% of their time at the partner
- IRC contributes €16k towards salary costs + €8k for fees and research related costs
- IPR agreement must be signed before funding can commence





## Applying for IRC scholarship

- Call expected to be launched at the end of 2013 (Employment based scholarships later in the year)
- At least 2.1 at undergrad level (Masters can be considered)
- Deadline usually 6 weeks after call opens
- Online application system: Smart & Simple
- Expected scoring:
  - Project 50% (includes career development plan)
  - Applicant 30% (right person for the project?)
  - Environment 20% (mentoring & supervision, facilities...)
- Justification of research expenses required - not automatic allowance



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# Other funding opportunities

Various bodies – funding agencies, enterprises (Google, Microsoft...)

## Prospective supervisor

Larger research grants (SFI, EI, EPA, EU, ...) may include funding for research students

EU research grants funded positions: [ec.europa.eu/euraxess](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess)

NUIM Graduate Studies website [graduatestudies.nuim.ie](http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie)


[www.ResearchProfessional.com](http://www.ResearchProfessional.com)

- Various funding opportunities including for postgrads
- Campus access



# Grantsmanship

 Good grantsmanship is a **learned skill**

 Don't make the process more difficult than it already is -

 **Be positive about your project**

 **Start early and get help**



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