

Research Degrees (Ph.D. and M.Litt.)



Within the context of its Doctoral (Ph.D.) and Research Masters (M.Litt.) programmes the School of Histories and Humanities offers research supervision across the disciplines of History, History of Art and Architecture, Classics and Gender and Women's Studies. The School enjoys a strong international research profile in a wide range of areas, including classical, medieval and modern history, Irish

studies, Irish and European art and architecture, gender and women's history, the archaeology, philosophy, literature and languages of the ancient world, and digital arts and humanities. As a postgraduate research student, your primary relationship is with the academic member of staff who supervises your thesis, who will advise and help you define your topic, set a schedule of meetings, provide feedback on your work and address queries and problems. However, the School and College also provide a broader framework of academic support, including research seminars, skills workshops and a plethora of taught modules to help you acquire skills, broaden your academic perspective and exchange research findings with staff members and fellow students. Our staff are committed to helping you make the most out of your time in Trinity College and we consider our ca. 120 postgraduate students an integral part of our research community. As a testimony to the strength of our postgraduate students, many are successful in securing competitive grants for their studies and senior postgraduates are heavily involved in undergraduate teaching.

Course Details

The School of Histories and Humanities offers two research courses, a Doctoral programme leading to the Ph.D. degree (3-4 years full-time, 6 years part-time) and a Research Masters leading to the M.Litt. degree (2 years full-time, 3 years part-time). Ph.D. students complete a thesis of max. 100,000 words, M.Litt. students write a thesis of max. 60,000 words. All research degrees in Trinity College Dublin are Structured Degrees, acknowledging that apart from allowing you to write a thesis on a topic of your interest, a research degree should also prepare you for future employment, in or outside academia. Doing a research degree is an opportunity to acquire high-level skills. Your research project may require

specific expertise in database management, archaeological fieldwork or architectural drawing. Your chosen field may require knowledge of languages such as German, French or Latin. Other postgraduate skills are useful for any career: presenting, writing, IT, leadership, collaboration, networking, problem solving, information retrieval, negotiation, project management, time management, etc. Recognising that all postgraduate students have different needs and aspirations, we ask research students to draw up a personal development plan with their supervisor at the start of their degree. Annual progress interviews present an opportunity to evaluate the progress of your research with a panel of academics but also to assess learning and discuss career plans.

Career Prospects

Our graduates can be found in teaching and research positions at universities and schools all over the world but they are also eminently placed to pursue many other careers. They find high-level employment, for example, in the museum and cultural sector, as media and public relations specialists, in consultancy, publishing, public administration and NGO or business environments. For those already working in these sectors a research degree will enrich knowledge and skills, stimulate lateral thinking and act as a spur to innovation.

How to Apply

- Applicants should normally have a first class or upper second class (2.1) honors Bachelor or Masters degree or equivalent (for example, GPA of 3.3) in a relevant discipline.
- Applications should be made online through www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/faculty where up to date information on fees is also provided.
- Applicants should discuss their research proposal with their intended supervisor before submitting their application. If you are uncertain who to approach, the School's Postgraduate Director can advise (www.histories-humanities.tcd.ie/postgraduate).
- There are no closing dates for application but only two starting dates annually, 1 September and 1 March. Applicants who wish to be considered for funding available through the School should submit their application by 1 May.
- For funding opportunities see www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies and www.irchss.ie Further studentships are occasionally available in individual areas: see www.histories-humanities.tcd.ie



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The School of Histories and Humanities by Numbers

35 

Full-time academic members of staff

120 Research Students

60 Taught Postgraduate Students

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Departments working closely together in teaching and research:

- History
- History of Art and Architecture
- Classics
- Gender and Women's Studies

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Research Centres:

- Trinity Irish Art Research Centre (TRIARC)
- Medieval History Research Centre
- Centre for Early Modern History
- Centre for Contemporary Irish History
- Centre for Irish, Scottish and Comparative Studies
- Centre for War Studies
- Centre for Gender and Women's Studies
- Centre for Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies
- Centre for the Study of the Platonic Tradition

The School of Histories and Humanities enjoys an international research profile in a wide range of disciplines and subject areas. Valued highly in international subject rankings, the School is home to 35 academic members of staff who are dedicated to research-led teaching, ready to listen to students' ideas and open to interdisciplinary approaches. The School frequently hosts international conferences and runs six major research seminars. These provide a forum for scholars and postgraduate students from all over the world to exchange ideas. Our academics also play an active role in many of Ireland's leading research centres, nine of which are located within the School.

Contact us and find out more

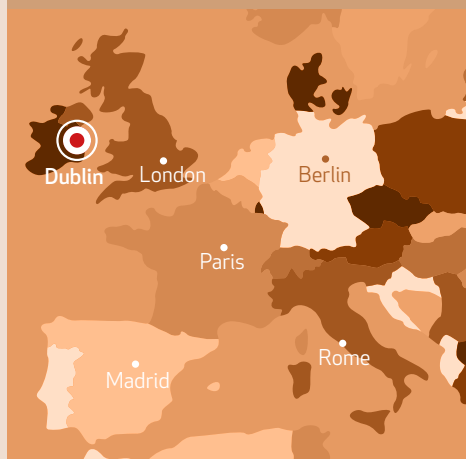
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A great location

Established in 1592, Trinity College Dublin is one of Europe's oldest and one of the world's most distinguished universities. It provides an environment where independence of thought is highly valued and where students and staff are nurtured as individuals and are encouraged to achieve their full potential. Today Trinity College is home to a vibrant community of 17,000 students from all over the world. Its historic campus, located in the heart of Dublin, provides easy access to a wealth of museums, libraries, theatre, art, music, literature and festivals. As a major railway and airline hub, Dublin is a gateway to the rest of Ireland, Europe and the world.



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