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PhD in Social Justice

Information for Prospective Applicants

Applications are submitted online but applicants are advised to contact the School by e-mail or phone with their initial enquiry well before the application deadline.

Applicants are required to submit the following information:

1. A completed on-line application form; see <http://www.ucd.ie/apply/>
2. Names and contact addresses/numbers for 2 academic referees, together with references from each (to be submitted in sealed envelopes with the application)
3. A draft research proposal of not more than 10 double-spaced typed pages in length. The proposal should contain the following information:
 - a) a brief statement of the research question/problem to be investigated
 - b) a statement of the aims and objectives of the study
 - c) a brief overview of the context of the study (i.e. a short review of the relevant literature and how this study might advance thinking)
 - d) the rationale for the research in the context of Equality Studies (why this is an egalitarian issue) or Women's Studies (why this is a gender issue)
 - e) a note on the methodological approach to the study
 - f) a statement on the scope and limitations of the research



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Applications will be assessed by the academic staff of the UCD School of Social Justice. The assessment will take account of (a) the academic profile of the applicant (Ph.D applicants will normally be expected to have a 2nd class grade 1 or 1st class degree at Masters level); (b) the academic merits of the research proposal from an Equality Studies or Women's Studies perspective; and (c) the availability of staff for the supervision and direction of the research.

Students who have not completed an M.Sc.in Equality Studies or MA in Women's Studies will be required to undertake selected courses from the relevant Masters degree programme as part of their work for their Ph.D. Other specialised doctoral courses will also be available for doctoral students. All students attend the School Ph.D Roundtable. The precise courses taken will depend on the student's prior academic profile and research needs.

Date for the submission of applications:

The deadline for applications for a given year beginning in September is April 30th for candidates living and/or working in Ireland and January 31st for all other applicants. While applicants may apply at any time, applications will be reviewed by the School in February and May for the coming autumn. Applications will also be considered in exceptional cases for students wishing to start in the second semester; please contact the School for application deadlines. All applicants need to brief themselves on regulations and conditions of entry as laid out by the University: <http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/coursefinder/researchprogrammes/>

For information on any administrative matters re the PhD programme, including fees, timetables etc., please email Elizabeth.Hassell@ucd.ie or call +353-1-7167104

Further information regarding research topics of specific interest to Equality Studies:

If you wish to discuss your proposal or other academic issues with a staff member please contact Professor John Baker, co-ordinator of the Equality Studies PhD programme: John.Baker@ucd.ie or call +353-1-7167872.

Further information regarding research topics of specific interest to Women's Studies:

If you wish to discuss your proposal or other academic issues with a staff member please contact Dr Katherine O'Donnell, Director of the Women's Studies Centre: Katherine.ODonnell@UCD.ie or call +353-1-716-7323