

The Economics of City Regrowth – Trinity College Dublin PhD Grattan Scholarship

The Department of Economics at Trinity College Dublin invites applications for a Grattan Scholarship, starting in September 2016, on the economics of city regrowth. The funding includes all fees, an annual stipend of €20,000 and a budget for research expenses, over a four-year period. In return, Scholars are expected to undertake teaching and research assistance as required. Interested applicants are requested to contact Ronan Lyons (ronan.lyons@tcd.ie).

Topic of Research

The Grattan Scholarship available is linked to the topic of regrowth in city cores and factors, such as technology and policy, that influence the relative success or failure of particular areas within the city over time, using the case study of Dublin. The proposed topic sits at the intersection of quantitative social science, urban economics and economic history and it is expected the candidate will have a strong background in economics and quantitative methods.

In particular, in order to address specific research questions, the candidate will be expected to generate unique granular datasets and employ relevant methodologies to identify causal mechanisms at work. This involves exploiting Dublin's rich archives, including street directories, valuation rolls, maps, planning permissions and other records, to produce economic research suitable for publication in leading peer-reviewed journals. Additionally, the intention is to produce research that is relevant to policymakers.

Funding Details

For the successful applicant, PhD fees are fully paid and there is an annual stipend of €20,000 for four years. In addition, a budget is available for research expenses. As part of the scholarship, students will gain invaluable research and teaching experience, preparing them to take their place as academic leaders of the future.

Applications are encouraged from all nationalities. It is expected that the successful candidate will have a strong performance at taught Masters level. The successful applicant will be based in Trinity College Dublin. Founded in 1592, Trinity is consistently ranked first among Irish universities (e.g. QS 2016; THE 2015) and was ranked 78th in the World across all indicators in the 2016 QS rankings.

About the Grattan Scholarships

The Grattan Scholars programme supports exceptional Ph.D. students who have the potential to become future academic leaders and influential voices for social and economic development. These Scholars not only help to enrich the learning experience of undergraduate students but their research work will have a real impact on understanding the evolving challenges facing society. Since being established in 2012, scholarships have been awarded to outstanding PhD students from Germany, India, Ireland, Poland, the Ukraine and the USA.

Scholarships are awarded annually to Ph.D. students of outstanding talent who are selected to study on a priority research topic within the disciplines of Economics, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology. Research topics align with the School's areas of research expertise. In past years in Economics, these have included: Financial Inclusion and Financial Sector Development in Developing Countries; Understanding the Foundations of Micro-Enterprise Growth and Expansion; and Migration and Clustering of Creative Workers.