Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Application for Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award 2025-26
APPLICANT FORM ⅋

Applications are sought for **1** Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award.

Application Process

Part 1 – for admission to the full-time PhD Register

If you are considering making an application as a student of sanctuary for the Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2025-26, you **must** also apply for admission to the full-time PhD register in Trinity via <u>my.tcd.ie</u> as normal (please note that there is a non-refundable online application fee of **€55** per application).

Applicants **must** liaise directly with the potential Principal Supervisor before application for admission to the PhD register. The supervisor will guide the applicant through the Trinity PhD formal application process. The applicant should advise the Academic Registry that they intend making application as a student of sanctuary for the Trinity Research Doctorate Award and should be in receipt of an unconditional offer before April 1 (subject to satisfying admission requirements).

Part 2 – for the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award

Once applicants have an offer for admission to the full-time PhD register at Trinity, the following is required:

a) the applicant must complete **this** application form applying for the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award, and b) their named Principal Supervisor must complete the required supervisor form at <u>https://forms.office.com/e/JHQ1dx8zPS</u> . (Note: access to this form is restricted to Trinity staff.) The Supervisor should complete the required template no later than Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Eligibility
Applicants to the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants **must** be residing in the Republic of Ireland.
2. Applicants **must** currently be in the international protection system, temporary protection, seeking asylum, or have refugee status or permission to remain in Ireland on humanitarian grounds.
3. Applicants **must** receive an unconditional offer for admission **by the deadline** of **April 1, 2025** to the full-time PhD register in Trinity College Dublin with support of the intended Principal Supervisor. This implies that applicants will have met all academic requirements including English language requirements.

Failing to meet any of the above criteria will result in your application not being considered.

Required Documents
Following successful online submission of the application form, you will be provided with a link to an online folder to upload documentation confirming your legal / immigration status.   The online application will be deemed complete **after** the subsequent submission of the required documents. Only complete applications will be given consideration by the Evaluation Panel.

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Evaluation Process

Each completed application will be reviewed and scored by internal cross-faculty reviewers on the basis of the full evaluation criteria. Thereafter, short-listed applications will be evaluated, on the basis of the full evaluation criteria, by a panel, chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies, to include the Chair of the University of Sanctuary Steering Committee, an academic representative from each Faculty, and representatives of Trinity Global, and the Irish Refugee Council (or similar).

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to interview, to be determined by the Evaluation Panel. The decision as to which application will receive the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Panel whose decision on the matter is final.

All applicants will be contacted by the Dean of Graduate Studies on completion of the evaluation process.

Note: unsuccessful applicants to the Trinity Research Doctorate (Sanctuary) Award, who are in receipt of an unconditional offer, will remain eligible for admission to the PhD register and may be considered for other available awards (as appropriate).

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be scored out of a total of **100 marks** and allocated across four categories as follows:

- **30 marks** for the quality of research design and methodology.
- **25 marks** for research impact including overall significance and degree of innovation of the project. Note: It will be a requirement to evidence consideration has been given to the project's contribution towards enhancing our local and global social and sustainability ambitions. This element will not be weighted but is a mandatory requirement in each application.
- **25 marks** for evidence of support of the supervisor and appropriate supervision supports for the applicant.
- **20 marks** for evidence related to the impact of an award on the student's research trajectory.

PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The information you input in this section will determine your eligibility to apply for the 2025/26 Student of Sanctuary Trinity Research Doctorate Award. If you do not meet the preliminary eligibility criteria, your application will be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed further. Applicants should note that they are also required to meet the eligibility criteria for admission to the full-time PhD register at Trinity.

If it becomes apparent at any stage of the application, assessment, or award offer process that an applicant does not meet the stated eligibility criteria, or the criteria for admission to the PhD register, an application will be deemed ineligible and any award offer shall be withdrawn.

1. **Do you have a first class or upper second-class honours bachelor degree?** *

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

   ◯ Bachelor degree results unknown at time of application

   ◯ Masters degree results unknown at time of application

2. **If no, do you have a masters degree?** *

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

3. **Have you made previous unsuccessful application to the Student of Sanctuary Trinity Research Doctorate Award?** *

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

4. **Can you provide proof of legal / immigration status?** *

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

5. **Are you currently living under Direct Provision or registered with the State for accommodation?** *

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

6. **What is your current residency status?** *

- ◯ International protection applicant

- ◯ Leave to remain

- ◯ Subsidiary protection

- ◯ Refugee status

- ◯ Other

7. **If 'other', please provide details.** *

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PERSONAL DETAILS

8. **First name** *

9. **Family Name (Surname):** *

10. **Email address:** *

11. **Trinity Application ID Number** (i.e., unique number provided after making application for admission to PhD register): *

12. **Date of birth:** *

13. **Gender** *

  ○ Female

  ○ Male

  ○ Other

  ○ Prefer not to say

14. **Country of birth** *

15. **Nationality:** *

16. **Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) (issued by Irish State):** *

17. **Current home address (in Ireland):** *

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18. **What Faculty does your project belongs to (based on home Faculty of your potential supervisor):** *

more info on Trinity Faculties and Schools is here: https://www.tcd.ie/structure/

○ Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS)

○ Faculty of Health Sciences (HS)

○ Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

19. **Name of School:** *

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20. **Project Title:** *

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21. **Name of Principal Supervisor** *

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22. **Trinity email address for principal supervisor:** *

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

23. **Please highlight why you should be considered for this particular award (max 500 words), e.g.:**

   - Why do you wish to pursue a PhD (higher degree by research)?
   - Why have you proposed this specific research topic?
   - Why are you particularly suited to this research field?
   - Which of your **attributes** demonstrate your capability to be a good researcher, e.g. motivation, commitment, thirst for knowledge?
   - What from your prior experience demonstrates your capability to be a good researcher (provide specific examples where relevant)?

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CAREER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

24. **Please provide a career training and development plan which addresses the following (max 200 words):**

    - What are your career goals and how would this award help you to achieve them?
    - How will you go about acquiring the expert knowledge and transferable skills necessary for your professional development, e.g. technical skills, communication skills, analytical skills?

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PROPOSED RESEARCH

If you have supplementary information, e.g. GANTT chart, diagrams or a bibliography, which accompany your research proposal, you can upload them to the online folder to which you will be provided a link following successful completion of the application form. Please ensure documentation uploaded is in PDF format. Supplementary material should only include essential information required for the interpretation and understanding of the proposed research. **Applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding if they include additional non-essential information about the research proposal or applicant.**

25. **Keywords** describing proposed research (up to 5): *

26. Please provide a **lay abstract** for your proposed research, which will be used to inform a non-specialist audience (max 300 words): *

27. Please provide **details** of your proposed research to include (max 500 words):
    (a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project,
    (b) how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal and
    (c) how the project will advance state of the art, make a contribution to existing knowledge and its potential societal impact) *

28. Please detail the **research design and methodologies** to be employed in carrying out your scholarship. These should be described in sufficient detail to demonstrate your thorough understanding of the research topic *(max 500 words)*. *

29. Please provide **a schedule** to include *(max 250 words)*:
    (a) milestones and deliverables for completion of the proposed research,
    (b) risks that might endanger reaching these deliverables and
    (c) the contingency plans to be put in place in order to mitigate these risks *

30. Please describe **any specialist knowledge or data required** to undertake your proposed research, such as language competency, technical skills or use of specialist software. If this knowledge or data is not already in place, details should be provided as to how it will be acquired over the course of the scholarship *(max 200 words)*: *

31. Please outline your **plans for the dissemination and knowledge exchange** of your research, including publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports and outreach activities. Details should also be provided as to how the impact of your research will be measured *(max 200 words):* *

32. Please outline **your** reasons for choosing your proposed academic supervisor(s), making particular reference to how the chosen supervisor *(max 200 words)*:

    - can support the acquisition of methods and knowledge necessary to completing the proposed project
    - can provide any facilities and infrastructures or other supports relevant to completing the proposed project

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APPLICANT DECLARATION

33. **I hereby declare that I have read and accept the applicant requirements as set out in the call document and Terms and Conditions on the website https://www.tcd.ie/study/postgraduate/scholarships-funding/research-doctorate-sanctuary** *

    ◯ Yes

34. **I confirm that the information supplied in this application is correct and recognise that, should it become apparent that any of the information provided is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible:** *

    ◯ Yes

35. **I hereby declare that this application is entirely my own work and understand that it will be subject to plagiarism checks.   Please note that random sampling for evidence of plagiarism will be carried out during the assessment process. Applicants who have been found to plagiarise will be prohibited from applying for TRDA funding in the future.** *

    ◯ Yes

36. **Terms and Conditions Acceptance** *

Data Use Statement:
We will use the information on this form to evaluate applications for a Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2025-26. The data is confidential and its use will be restricted for the purposes of administering the Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2025-26

Privacy Notice:
Trinity College respects your right to privacy and actively seeks to preserve the privacy rights of individuals who share personal data with the University. Any data which you provide for the purposes of the Trinity Research Doctorate Award in 2025-26 will be processed in compliance with data protection legislation, specifically the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016 ('GDPR') and Data Protection Acts 1988-2018.
The data we collect from you will be processed for the purposes of the Trinity Research Doctorate award only and processed fairly and lawfully in keeping with the principles of data protection as set out under Article 5 GDPR.
If you have any queries relating to the processing of your personal data for the purposes outlined above, you can contact the Postgraduate Renewal Programme at pgrenewal@tcd.ie.

Further information is available at https://www.tcd.ie/privacy/.

I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct.

    ◯ Yes