**TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN**

**Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

***Trinity Research in Social Sciences (*TRiSS)**

**Postgraduate Research Fellowships 2025/26: Call for Applications**

Trinity Research in Social Sciences (TRiSS) would like to invite postgraduate students, from its member schools to submit proposals for the 2025/26 TRiSS Postgraduate Research Fellowships (PRFs). The aim of PRFs is to support postgraduate research projects in the social sciences. The total number of awards will depend on the number of fundable applications and their required budgets but it is expected that 5 – 7 awards will be made and that the typical project funded will receive support of between €500 and €1,500.

The types of activities that may be funded include, but are not limited to: surveys and data digitization/collation; access to databases; workshop organisation; and research expenses.

For those wishing to apply for conference/workshop registration and travel expenses, please consider the TRiSS Travel Bursaries (TTB) in the first instance. Calls for these bursaries will be made twice in the academic year – October and January/February.

Candidates who are successful or unsuccessful in applying for a TTB can apply for a PRF. Those who are successful with TTBs cannot apply for funding for the same purpose. Those who are not successful with their TTB application can apply for the same purpose or for a different purpose.

Proposals should use the application form, **taking note of the word limits** in each section, and will be assessed as follows:

1. **Quality of detail** about the proposed project, including its potential contribution to the relevant field (4 marks). This includes how a description of the project, its methodological approach and expected outputs, and how the project relates and contributes to existing research in the field.
2. **Budget justification**, and a description of the potential impact of the funds associated with a Fellowship, and value for money (3 marks).
3. **Description of applicant** track record and potential impact of proposed project (3 marks). Those evaluating proposals will be looking for a clear link between existing research and the proposed project and evidence that the PI is able to deliver on the proposed project.

Decisions on applications will be made by a Review Committee drawn from the TRiSS Executive Committee, which consists of the Director of TRiSS and representatives of each of its constituent Schools and disciplines.

**Applications should be submitted by email to** [**triss@tcd.ie**](mailto:triss@tcd.ie) **by 5pm on Friday 28 March 2025. Please save your document as a WORD file with your name first then surname eg. “TatumSmithPRF2025.docx”. Note the terms and conditions, which follow on the next page.**

**Terms and Conditions**

* PhD students, or equivalent research-based postgraduate students, who have more than six months remaining are eligible to apply for awards.
* Successful applicants should note that proper acknowledgement of support from TRiSS and Trinity’s Dean of Research must be made in any resulting research output, such as a publication or conference presentation.
* The funds must be used by 30 June 2026. Any unused resources will be returned to TRiSS.
* Only one application per individual will be considered in any one year.
* On completion of the project, a written report is required which will be featured on the TRiSS website and social media channels. Fellows may be expected to give a TRiSS research seminar/bitesize talk on their research.

**About TRiSS**

Trinity Research in Social Sciences ([www.tcd.ie/triss](http://www.tcd.ie/triss)) brings together researchers in the social sciences from across Trinity College Dublin. It provides a single identifying physical and intellectual location for social science research in Trinity connecting social science researchers across multiple schools for the purposes of collaboration. TRiSS has eight member Schools and a total of 15 member units, listed below.

* School of Education
* School of Law
* School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences
  + Centre for Language & Communication Studies
  + Clinical Speech & Language Studies
  + Centre for Deaf Studies
* School of Religion, Theology and Peace Studies
  + Irish School of Ecumenics
  + Loyola Institute
* School of Psychology
* School of Social Sciences & Philosophy
  + Economics
  + Philosophy
  + Political Science
  + Sociology
* School of Social Work & Social Policy
* Trinity Business School