



Waterford Institute of Technology
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Postgraduate Scholarship Information Sheet

Scholarship Title	'Embedding a culture of internationalisation into the curriculum through "Internationalisation at home": Preparing for the changing context of Higher Education in Ireland'.
Reference number	WD_2020_36_WSCH
Supervisor(s)	Dr Don O'Neill (Principal Investigator), Dr Helen Murphy, Dr Suzanne Denieffe
Research Group	
Department / School	Department of Arts, School of Humanities
Duration	48 months PhD
Status: Full-time / part-time	Full-Time
Funding information	WIT Scholarship 2020/2021
Value of the Scholarship Annually	Stipend: €15,000 Fees: €4,500 Research costs: €2,000
Teaching requirement (if any)	Two hours of academic development activities per week during the academic year in line with scholarship requirements.
Closing date and time¹	Advertisement Period 04/01/2021- 15/01/2021 This Competition will close at 4pm Irish time on the 15th of January 2021.
Interview date	TBC –
Commencement date	Q1 2021
Co Fund Industry Partner² (if applicable)	N/A

Post summary

"Internationalisation at home" (IaH) is an increasingly important priority for higher education globally. Defined as the 'purposeful integration of international and intercultural dimensions into the formal and informal curriculum for all students within domestic learning environments' (Beelen & Jones, 2015), IaH seeks to bring an exciting international dimension to the curriculum for all students, and particularly to those who cannot avail of an international study or placement opportunity as part of their studies.

We are inviting applications for a full-time researcher for a PhD project on the subject of 'Embedding a culture of internationalisation into the curriculum through "Internationalisation at home": Preparing for the changing context of Higher Education in Ireland'.

The project will investigate ways to provide an international experience for all students in the emerging

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² Please note all cofunded opportunities PhD/Masters position(s) are subject to funding contributions from the industry partner
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Irish Technological University sector and will seek to inform strategy that will drive the development and embedding of a culture of 'Internationalisation at home' in the curriculum of the new University.

The research will involve an analysis of policy and procedures in Irish and international HEIs in relation to 'Internationalisation at Home'. It will also involve carrying out interviews and focus groups with students, academic staff, academic managers and stakeholders in order to explore, classify and discuss their experiences and perspectives of 'Internationalisation at Home' and how it is implemented.

It is anticipated that the findings of the study will identify pertinent recommendations that can be made to embed a culture of 'Internationalisation at Home' within the curriculum, in the changing context of Higher Education in Ireland with particular reference to the development of the Technological University sector.

Person specification

Qualifications

Essential

- Honours degree (minimum 2:1) or equivalent in an area of the Arts, Education, Social Sciences or a related discipline

Desirable

- Masters degree or Level 9 equivalent in an area of the Arts, Education, Social Sciences or a related discipline

Knowledge & Experience

Essential

- Strong interest in the areas of higher education and internationalisation
- Experience of successfully completing a research project such as an undergraduate dissertation

Desirable

- Understanding of curriculum development in higher education
- Experience of studying or working abroad

Skills & Competencies

Essential

- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit evidence of competency in English, please see [WIT's English Language Requirements](#) for details.
- Excellent academic writing skills
- Assiduity and ability to work to deadlines
- High level of intercultural competence

Desirable

- Excellent interpersonal and organisation skills and ability to work in a self-directed manner
- Experience with qualitative data analysis software.

Further information

For any informal queries, please contact Dr Don O'Neill at email: doneill@wit.ie

For queries relating to the application and admission process please contact the Postgraduate Admissions Office via email rpgadmissions@wit.ie or telephone +353 (0)51 302883.

Website: www.wit.ie

Application procedure

Download the [Research Postgraduate Application Form](#) and return completed applications to rpgadmissions@wit.ie, quoting WD_2020_36_WSCH in the email subject line. Please note that paper submissions will not be accepted.

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The Institute may decide to interview only those applicants who appear from the information available, to be the most suitable, in terms of experience, qualifications and other requirements of the post.

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