**Employment-based PhD Scholarships Programme**

**Health Science Professionals**

**Application Form 2024**

Please refer to the Guidelines which includes the eligibility criteria, application, and selection process. The completed application form together with the Letter of Support and evidence of qualifications should be compiled as **one document in pdf format** and emailed to [gradschoolmh@ucc.ie](mailto:gradschoolmh@ucc.ie).

Extended Deadline for Applications is **5pm on Friday 26th January 2024**.

**PART A**

To be completed by the Applicant in consultation with the Supervisory Team and Employment Mentor

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| ***If*** you are applying for a scholarship sponsored by APC Microbiome Ireland the INFANT Research Centre, or Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy please confirm that the lead supervisor is an investigator in that research centre. | Yes: APC Microbiome Ireland  Yes: INFANT Research Centre  Yes: Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy |

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Description automatically generated**UCC Futures:** please choose the UCC Futures theme with which your project aligns.

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**APPLICANT DETAILS**

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| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| English as first language (tick X) | YES  NO |
| **Note**: *If English* ***is not*** *your first language, please provide evidence of meeting English language requirements for College of Medicine & Health e.g. IELTS or equivalent)* See https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/comparison/english/postgraduate/ | |
| Name & Address of Employment Organization |  |
| Job title/Role in Employment Organization |  |
| Employment status i.e. permanent full time/part time/ fixed term contract for the duration of the PhD |  |
| How many years/months have you worked with your current employer? |  |

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

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| **Undergraduate Degree Details** | |
| Title of Degree |  |
| Awarding Institution |  |
| Name of School/Dept. where degree completed |  |
| Year Registered from…to Year Completed |  |
| Grade Awarded (e.g. 1H/2H.1)1 |  |
| **Additional Degree Details** | |
| Title of Degree |  |
| Awarding Institution |  |
| Type of Degree (taught/by research) |  |
| Name of School/Dept. where degree completed |  |
| Year Registered from…to Year Completed |  |
| Grade Awarded (e.g. 1H/2H.1)[[1]](#footnote-1) |  |

**Note***: Additional qualifications/degrees, if applicable, may be added by copying and pasting the above rows.*

**SUPERVISORY TEAM AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT DETAILS**

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| Lead Supervisor (UCC) |  |
| School/Department/Research Centre or Institute |  |
| UCC Email |  |
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| Co-supervisor(s) (UCC) |  |
| School/Department/Research Centre or Institute |  |
| UCC Email(s) |  |
| ***Please copy and paste additional rows for additional co-supervisors if applicable*** | |
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| Employment Supervisor/Mentor  *A named mentor from your organisation is required if there is no academic supervisor from the organisation involved in the study* |  |
| Job title of Employment Supervisor/Mentor |  |
| Email |  |
| Brief statement of the support you need from your Employer in order to complete a PhD e.g. facilities, research time, resources[[2]](#footnote-2) (*Max 100 words*) | |
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**SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE AND IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED PhD PROJECT**

**Planned registration status** (tick as applicable)

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| Full time over 4 years | Part time over 6 years |

**Proposed start date (**tick as applicable)

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| April 2024 | July 2024 |

**Title of proposed PhD project**

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**Hypothesis/Aims of the project** (*Max 200 words*)

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**Background justifying the need for the project** (*Max 400 words*)

Include justification for the study in line with the (i) Sustainable Development Goals and (ii) UCC Futures

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**Research design and methods** (*Max 500 words*)  
Include experimental design, sampling/population (e.g. sample size calculation), data collection, analytical methods as applicable

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**Impact** (*Max 400 words*)

Include contribution to knowledge, societal gain from the research project and benefits of the project to the employment organisation

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**Reference list for literature cited in the project proposal** *(Max 20 references)*

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**WORKPLACE AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Briefly outline your research experience relevant to the proposed PhD project including any related achievements to date (e.g. publications (including conference proceedings, audits, reports, policy or guideline documents), awards, patents, conference presentations** (*Max 250 words*)

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**Provide a personal statement with reference to (i) why you wish to pursue an employment-based PhD including career aspirations, (ii) why are you particularly suited to this research field and (iii) your capability to successfully complete a PhD** (*Max 300 words*)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

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**PART B**

to be completed by Supervisory team

**SUPERVISORY TEAM (UCC)**

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| **Lead Supervisor** | |
| Name |  |
| School/Department/Research Centre or Institute |  |
| Job Title |  |
| UCC Email |  |
| Early career researcher[[3]](#footnote-3) (tick X) | YES  NO |
| No. doctoral students supervised to completion |  |
| No. doctoral students currently being supervised |  |
| Research expertise relevant to the proposed PhD project (*Max 100 words*) | |
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| Industry/academic collaborations, research awards, patents, funding of note (*Max 100 words*) | |
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| List up to 3 authored publications most relevant to the proposed PhD project | |
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| **Co-supervisor** | |
| Name |  |
| School/Department/Research Centre or Institute |  |
| Job Title |  |
| UCC Email |  |
| Early career researcher3 (tick X) | YES  NO |
| No. doctoral students supervised to completion |  |
| No. doctoral students currently being supervised |  |
| Research expertise relevant to the proposed PhD project (*Max 100 words*) | |
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| Industry/academic collaborations, research awards, patents, funding of note (*Max 100 words*) | |
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| List up to 3 authored publications most relevant to the proposed PhD project | |
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| ***Please copy and paste additional rows for additional co-supervisors if applicable*** | |

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| **INTERDISCIPLINARY AND SKILL MIX** |
| **Outline the strengths of the supervisory team to the proposed PhD project e.g. interdisciplinarity, subject and methodological expertise, capacity building for early career researchers as supervisors** (*Max 200 words*) |
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**TRAINING PROGRAMME**

**Outline the career development and training supports that will be provided to the applicant including any specific training relevant to the proposed research, employment-based training, structured training activities/events/ modules/workshops, conference/networking opportunities. Training should align with IUA Doctoral Skills Statement 2021[[4]](#footnote-4)** (*Max. 300 words*)

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**PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EMPLOYMENT ORGANISATION**

**Please provide a statement about the added value of the Employment-Based Scholarship to initiating collaborations or strengthening existing collaborations with Employment Organisation** (*Max 200 words*)

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| **Are there any perceived impediments to completing PhD within proposed time frame? If yes, please elaborate here:** |

SIGNATURE OF LEAD SUPERVISOR:

DATE:

**CHECKLIST**

One pdf document with each of the following should be compiled and emailed to [gradschoolmh@ucc.ie](mailto:to%20gradschoolmh@ucc.ie)

1. Part A completed by the applicant in consultation with the supervisory team and employment supervisor/mentor
2. Part B completed by the supervisory team
3. Examination transcripts showing evidence of qualifications and final examination grades.
4. Letter of support from employer referring to:
   * Relevance of the research area to the employment organisation.
   * The type of support that will be provided: e.g. percentage of protected time for the research, provision of training events, facilities to conduct the research project in the workplace, any additional funding that may be available to the applicant during the PhD project.
   * The availability of a mentor/supervisor from the organisation who will work with the UCC supervisory team for the duration of the PhD project.

1. Evidence of qualification and final examination grades must be submitted with this application [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. A Letter of support from the employer must also be submitted with the application with reference to (a) relevance of the research area to the employment organization, (b) the type of support that will be provided (e.g. percentage protected time for research, provision of training events, facilities to conduct the research project in the workplace, any additional funding that may be available to the applicant during the PhD project), (c) the availability of a mentor/supervisor from the employment organisation for the duration of the PhD project. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Within eight years of the award of PhD [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. https://www.iua.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/IUA-PhD-Graduate-Skills-Statement-2021-final.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-4)