

School of Pharmacy PhD STUDENTSHIPS APPLICATION FORM

This PhD studentship provides outstanding scholars with the opportunity to direct their own research project at the early-career stage, working with a supervisor in the School of Pharmacy, in a pharmacy specific research discipline.

- The PhD student to be funded by this studentship must have a first class or upper second-class honours degree in pharmacy or a cognate discipline. All applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency. The minimum English language requirements currently accepted at University College Cork are available [here](#). The *successful applicant* will have to submit a formal application through the University application system where qualifications will need to be validated. The prospective PhD applicant to be funded by this studentship must all meet all entry requirements for registration as a PhD student. [How to Apply | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)
- The prospective PhD applicant must submit a personal statement. The personal statement is an opportunity for the candidate to present their goals, experiences, and qualifications. The candidate should also highlight their credentials and suitability for the scholarship, which should ideally include reference to their track record at applying for alternative PhD scholarships e.g., if the applicant has previously applied to IRCSET.
- A research proposal with the potential to benefit the SOP and align with the School/UCC's research priorities are strongly encouraged. Specifically, the research project should emphasise how the outcome will contribute to existing knowledge in the field of Pharmacy related research.
- The primary supervisor must be based in the School of Pharmacy. Applications, where the primary supervisor is at lecturer grade will be prioritised with a view to towards fostering leadership supervisory experience of staff in the School.
- A Letter of support^s from the primary supervisor is required stating (i) agreement to supervise the PhD student if they are successful and (ii) how the supervisors/co-supervisors are committed to promoting internationalisation activities in accordance with the FUE-UCC cooperation agreement. In addition, the letter of support should outline (a) how the proposed project aligns with the School's and/or UCC strategic research goals (b) Track record and research potential of the applicant.
- The PhD student funded under this award will be expected to register 100% with the School of Pharmacy. The successful candidate is expected to demonstrate during the SOP Summer School sessions to International Students, and to contribute to other teaching activities within the School of Pharmacy, as part of their stipend.
- The PhD scholarship is for €28,030 per annum (to cover fees, stipend and/or consumables) for up to 36 months maximum. Funding for shorter periods of up to 12 or 24 months may also be considered (e.g., current registered PhD who are self-funded) once justified in the application.
- Completed applications must be submitted as a single pdf document and sent to n.moynihan@ucc.ie including **PhD Studentship** in the email subject line.

Closing date **30th June 2023, 17.00**. Expected registration of PhD student between Sep-Dec 2023.

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1 Project Title:

2 Project team

2.1 Prospective PhD applicant Name

2.2 Project Supervisor (PI) & Co supervisors (where applicable):

3 Prospective PhD applicant's track record

3.1 Academic Qualifications

3.2 Research experience and career to date (1-page maximum)

4 Prospective PhD applicant's personal statement (1 page maximum)

Please highlight any additional information which has not been included elsewhere in the application, e.g.: • Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research? • Why have you proposed this research topic? • Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skill set that you wish to build? • Why are you particularly suited to this research field? • Which of your attributes demonstrate your capability to be a good researcher? What are your career goals?

5 Research proposal (2 page maximum) - References are additional to the 2-page maximum.

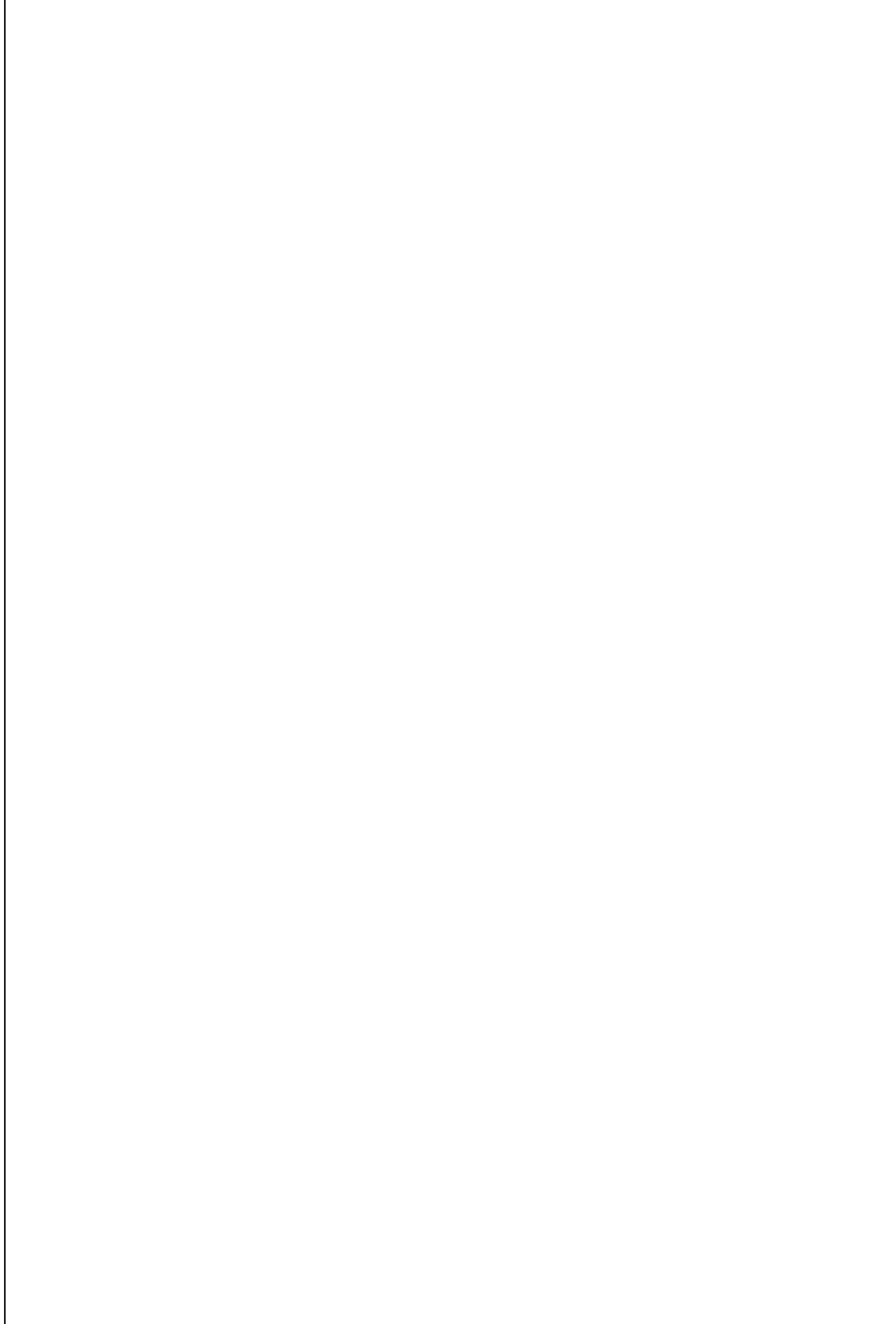
Please address all of the following: • Aim and central research question(s) • Research plan (including expected methodologies and timelines) • Proposed contribution / advancement to field • Expected deliverables.

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- 6 Please indicate how your research proposal aligns with School of Pharmacy strategic research goals, UCC Futures' research prioritisation and the UN sustainable goals (1-page max)**

7 Planned postgraduate training and Career development plan (1-page max)

Please outline the mentoring and training programme for the Ph.D. student

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8 Financial Management and Feasibility

Please provide a budget including the headings (1) stipend, (2) fees, (3) consumables (4) training expenses (conferences, travel). Please note the total value of the studentship is €28,030 per annum (to cover fees, stipend and/or consumables) for up to 3 years maximum.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Fees	€5,770			
Stipend	€19,000			
Consumables	€3,250			
Total	€28,030			

Please detail how the proposed project will be successfully executed with this funding or with additional supplementary funding that can be brought into this project **(Maximum 300 words)**

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Supporting documentation

- Letter^s of support from PI/Co-PIs (where applicable) stating (i) agreement to supervise the applicant if they are successful and (ii) how the PI/Co-PI's are committed to promoting internationalisation activities in accordance with the FUE-UCC cooperation agreement. This letter must be signed by the supervisor/co-supervisors as appropriate (**1 page maximum**).
- **Links to IRIS profiles of PI/Co-PI's (included in letter)**
- Prospective PhD Student Applicant 2-page CV of the applicant
- Evidence satisfying the English language requirements, where required.

⁵Signatures are required on all letters. Electronic signatures are acceptable. Where there are co-supervisors, a joint letter of support, signed by both supervisors, is required.

Evaluation criteria:		
A	<p style="text-align: center;">Prospective PhD Student Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic background • Track record and research potential of the applicant • Personal statement • Match between applicant's profile and the proposed research project 	40%
B	<p style="text-align: center;">Research Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity and coherence of the proposed research • Quality of the proposed research design and methodologies • Feasibility of the proposed milestones, deliverables, and contingency plans • Consideration as to how the proposed research will advance state of the art and contribute to existing knowledge in the field of Pharmacy related research. • Alignment with research priorities – SOP strategy, UCC Futures and UN sustainable goals 	35%
C	Training and Career Development aspects of the proposal	10%
D	<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of support 	15%

Notes:

- Prospective PhD Student applicants who have completed a Pharmacy degree will be prioritised.
- Primary supervisor must be based in the School of Pharmacy.
- Applications, where the primary supervisor is at lecturer grade will be prioritised with a view to towards fostering leadership supervisory experience of early career staff in the school.
- Prospective PhD Student applicants are encouraged to include reference to any previous applications for PhD scholarships (e.g., IRCSET programme) as supportive evidence.
- Academic supervisors should include detail on how supervisor(s) plan to contribute to internationalisation activities of the School of Pharmacy.
- Links to supervisor(s) IRIS profile should also be included.