



UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems



UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Systems PhD Scholarship in Interprofessional Education

The UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Systems (SNMHS) and UCD Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Education, and Innovation in Health Systems (UCD IRIS) is offering a full-time PhD Scholarship with registration commencing in January 2025. The PhD programme may focus on areas to advance interprofessional education within health and social care programmes.

The PhD scholarship offers a stipend of €22,000 per annum plus academic fees for a maximum of 4 full-time years.



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About Us

School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Systems

The UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Systems are committed to developing knowledge that informs health and social policy, advances professional practice and education in nursing and midwifery, and generates impact in the wider health system, both nationally and internationally.

To find out more about our School, please visit [our website](#).

UCD IRIS

The successful applicant will also become a member of the UCD IRIS Centre. Our work is characterised by systems thinking, interdisciplinary and intersectoral working, patient and public involvement and robust evidence synthesis, informing the collaborative design of health system interventions and professional development programmes, as well as contributing to methodological innovation and strong networks and partnerships.

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The Research Programme

Healthcare is delivered primarily by interprofessional teams. Interprofessional teams are characterised by numerous healthcare professionals from several disciplines working together to optimise patient care. To work effectively, interprofessional team members need to understand and value the contribution of other disciplines. However, current pre-registration programmes in health and social care provide students with an understanding of the care processes unique to their own individual discipline (e.g. nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, social work). While knowledge and application of interprofessional working is a requirement to progress within these discipline-specific programmes, interprofessional education is not universally implemented across higher education institutions. Thus, health and social care students lack opportunities to interact in interprofessional learning environments, meaning as graduates, they enter the workforce unprepared for the teamwork they will inevitably face in clinical practice.

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The successful applicant will be supervised by [Dr Lisa Rogers](#) and a supervisory team based in the School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Systems.

Research Funding

The successful candidate will receive the following financial support for 4 years:

- Full funding for tuition fees
- A stipend of €22,000 per annum to assist with living expenses
- A set amount to support research activities
- A programme of training opportunities and events delivered by UCD SNMHS and UCD IRIS

Eligibility Criteria

Entry Requirements

Applications from candidates worldwide will be considered for this full-time position. An academic background in health, social science, or education is preferred. Experience in research using quantitative, qualitative, and/or mixed methods research is required.

The student must fulfil **one** of the following criteria:

- a) The applicant has obtained a minimum of an upper second-class degree in a relevant honours Bachelor's degree.
- b) The applicant has obtained a Master's degree in a relevant field.

Applicants from health professionals who are currently working clinically who are interested in transitioning to an academic role will be considered favourably.

English Language Requirements

Candidates whose first language is not English and whose primary degree was obtained in a country where English is not the official language of instruction must provide proof of proficiency in English such as IELTS or TOEFL. The original certificate of completion of an English language test must be submitted with the application. In all cases, the test results must not be more than two years old.

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How to Apply

To apply for the PhD Scholarship individuals should submit:

- A one-page personal statement
- A Curriculum Vitae
- A two-page research proposal

Application Assessment Criteria

Personal Statement/CV must include:

- The rationale for pursuing a doctoral research degree.
- Evidence of previous research experience.
- Evidence of relevant transferable skills (e.g., communication, leadership, organizational skills).
- Excellent written presentation (spelling, grammar, graphical).

Research Proposal must include:

- Clear aim(s) of the proposed research.
- A potential novel contribution to the field of interprofessional education.
- Excellent written presentation (spelling, grammar, graphical).

Application Deadline

Applications are submitted via email to lisa.rogers@ucd.ie no later than **16th of August 2024**.

Interviews and additional supporting documentation will be requested on an individual basis following shortlisting.



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