

Ph.D. Scholarship in Experiential Legal Education

The School of Law, University of Limerick, invites applications for a Ph.D. Scholarship in Experiential Legal Education. The Scholarship will provide the holder with **full-time Ph.D. tuition fees at the School of Law, UL, for three years, along with a yearly stipend of €1,500**, subject to satisfactory performance. The scholarship will be awarded to one Ph.D. candidate to undertake a PhD in the area of experiential legal education, starting in September 2019.

The Scholarship is provided through the ‘REAL Project (Reimagining Experiential Academic Learning): Using Experience to Teach & Learn in Law—A Framework for Engagement, Assessment and Transferability’ in collaboration with the School of Law, UL. The objective of the REAL Project is to enhance existing, and develop new, clinical legal education/experiential opportunities in Ireland. This will be achieved through the collation and creation of best practice resources in an open-access repository. Ultimately the outputs of the REAL project will be transferable to other disciplines. Further information on the REAL Project can be accessed at: <https://www.teachingandlearning.ie/project/the-real-project-reimagining-experiential-academic-learning-using-experience-to-teach-learn-in-law-a-framework-for-engagement-assessment-and-transferability/>

The Ph.D. Scholarship in Experiential Legal Education will be awarded for research on an aspect of clinical legal education relating to the outputs of the REAL Project, defined by the scholarship holder in agreement with the supervisor.

The holder of this Scholarship will engage in some research with the REAL Project and undertake some related teaching duties within the School of Law in addition to pursuing their own doctoral research. The holder of this Scholarship will also be encouraged, where eligible, to apply for prestigious Irish Research Council Postgraduate funding after their first year of study.

Application Process:

Applicants should send the following documents by email to Lydia.Bracken@ul.ie before the deadline of **5pm on Friday 21 June 2019**:

1. CV and Cover letter;
2. Contact details of two academic references;
3. Research proposal (of approximately 1000 words) detailing:
 - The central research question of the proposed doctorate;
 - The proposed methodology;
 - The intended contribution to existing scholarship;
 - A research plan encompassing intended time-frames for the different stages of the research;
 - A short bibliography.



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Interviews will be held with shortlisted candidates in June 2019. Candidates will be selected for interview on the basis of the strength of the research proposal submitted and based on their education and/or professional experience. The Scholarship holder should have a Masters degree in law, social science, education, or similar discipline, awarded at 2.1 or higher. Knowledge of experiential education will be an advantage.

The successful candidate will subsequently be required to formally apply to the AHSS Postgraduate Research Committee for a place on the PhD programme at the University of Limerick. Payment of the scholarship will be subject to a formal offer of a place being made by the PGR.

Informal queries may be directed to Dr Lydia Bracken on Lydia.Bracken@ul.ie