

Post Graduate Research Studentship Role

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| Role Title: | Research Studentship Role | | |
| School / Department | Humanities | Role category | Research Studentship |
| Location | LINC, ITB, Blanchardstown, Dublin, Ireland | Role Advertised for | 2 weeks |
| Award Level & Field Master / PhD e.g. MEng | MA by Research | Position Type | Full time |
| Supervisor | Mairéad Cluskey | Start Date | |
| Project Title: Short title for advertising | The social and financial value of youth work in Ireland | | |
| Project Title: as per funding application | An exploration of the social and financial value of youth work in Ireland: Factors in the Commissioning of Youth Work Programmes | | |
| Research Field / sub categories e.g. Computer / 3D modelling; Communication Sciences / Media; Language Sciences / Language | Youth Work Youth Youth Development | | |
| General enquiries email | Supervisor: | mairead.cluskey@itb.ie | |
| Applications by email | Admin: | researchadmin@itb.ie | |
| Role Description | | | |
| <p>The Role This is a two year full time MA programme. The student will engage in directed independent learning focusing on key research questions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the common practices in youth work settings that successfully engage 'hard to reach' young people? 2. What are the common practices in youth work settings that contribute to the design of successful outcome focused/evidence informed programmes? 3. What methods of accountability exist in youth work settings to ensure value for money and outcomes achieved? 4. What policy objectives are being met through youth work services? 5. What added value to youth work services offer to communities? <p>For this research project the student will be required to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a literature review and write up • Design of methodology • Contact perspective research participants and engage them in the research project • Refinement of method and pilot • Critical analysis of data gathered using theoretical frameworks • Completion of thesis and dissemination of results <p>Using grounded theory, the student will develop a framework to capture youth work in Ireland today outlining its social and financial value to young people, communities, the state and commissioning agencies.</p> <p>The student will engage in weekly supervision session along key structured sessions covering topics such as reviewing literature, critical analysis, research methods and dissemination of information. These sessions will be made available in line with tasks outlined in the overall project plan.</p> | | | |
| Required Skills / Qualifications / Aptitudes | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of Level 8 2.1 honours degree in a related discipline • Good working knowledge of the youth work sector in Ireland and internationally • Good understanding of new public service management approaches/commissioning • Ability to follow direction • Proven track record of research in a similar field | | | |
| Specific Requirements | | | |
| As Above | | | |

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| Research experience required Completed undergraduate research project at <u>Level 8</u> |
| Desirable Experience As above |
| Language Required Instruction for all courses at ITB is normally through English. |
| Funding The scholarship will be awarded for a period of 2 years to a value of €12,000 per year. There is the possibility that funding can be provided for a further 2 year period should the project be advanced from MA to PhD level. However, this is not guaranteed. Funding will cover the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maintenance grant of €10,000 per year• Travel/Consumables/Materials budget of €2,000 per year Tuition fees for all scholarship holders will be funded to a max of €4,500 per year for two years. Postgraduate students receiving scholarships should not be in receipt of another Exchequer funded grant on appointment to the research project |
| Additional requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Any non-EU scholarship holder will be eligible for additional fees.✚ Any non-EU applicants will require a visa to come and study in Ireland Overview Visas and Immigration✚ English language requirements: Instruction for all courses at ITB is normally through English refer to http://www.itb.ie/studentcategories/entryrequirements.html |
| Application process To Apply: Please email the following to – researchadmin@itb.ie <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Cover letter✚ Full CV✚ Names and email contact details for two referees (minimum) Informal project queries should be directed to Mairead Cluskey at mairread.cluskey@itb.ie Closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon 31st July 2018 |