



UCD School of Psychology

Application for Graduate Research Programme

To include with this form

Your final (supervisor endorsed) application should be accompanied by:

- **Original transcripts.** Non-UCD Applicants must supply original copies of degree/s, course transcripts and birth certificate.
- **Sample of academic writing.** For example, this may be an academic assignment or a research publication.
- **Evidence of English Language Proficiency.** Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (no band less than 6.5 in each element), or equivalent (for example, if they have a degree through English).
- **Application fee.** Applicants must pay €40 to the School of Psychology UCD.

You can confirm you have included the above documents using the checklist at the end of this form.

Assessment of your application

Your application will be reviewed by the School of Psychology Graduate Research Committee (SoP GRC) to determine your suitability to take a place on your chosen programme. Your application will be assessed based on the following:

- 1) the **quality of your research proposal**, including the feasibility of the proposal in the programme timeframe. It is expected that your project will evolve over the course of the PhD, but here we wish to assess your current plan.
- 2) the extent to which you meet the **entry requirements** for the programme, including your academic qualifications and, where relevant, your English language proficiency.

your **motivation for and understanding of the programme**, as evidenced in your personal statement. The PhD programme aims to develop skills. We want to see evidence that you have reflected on the skills you have and the skills you need, to support your career objectives.

Finding a supervisor

NOTE: If you have not yet contacted your prospective supervisor, you can leave **Part B** of this form blank until they have agreed to work with you on a proposal. Part B must be completed before submitting the final application to the UCD School of Psychology Graduate Research Committee.

Which option below applies to you? (Delete icons as appropriate)		
I am seeking a supervisor.	☒ ☐	Complete Part A of this form, naming a staff member you wish to work with. Then submit the form. Do not complete Part B of this form until a staff member has agreed to supervise you.
A staff member has already agreed to supervise me.	☐ ☒	Part A of this form should be completed by you alone and Part B should be completed by you with your prospective supervisor.

PART A

CANDIDATE BACKGROUND

To be completed by the candidate alone

A 1. Key details

Name	
Email address	

Please indicate the programme about which you are applying (delete icons as applicable).		Information about the programme can be found by clicking the relevant link below.
MLitt	✓ .	MLitt information
PhD	✓ .	PhD information
Full-time	✓ .	
Part-time	✓ .	
If successful, when do you propose to start the programme?	MM/YYYY	New students begin in September of each year. It strongly advised that you submit your final (supervisor endorsed) application about four months prior to your expected start date.
Who is your proposed supervisor?		

A 2. Demographic details

What is your nationality? i.e., your passport-issuing country	
Are you applying as an EU student?	
Gender identity (Specify preferred pronouns if you wish)	
Your date of birth	
Contact number (with country code)	
Address of current residence	
How did you hear about the Graduate Programme at UCD School of Psychology?	

A 3. Qualifications and skills

DEGREE(S)			
<i>Dates of study</i>	<i>Institution, country</i>	<i>Degree (e.g., BA) major subject</i>	<i>Final result (GPA)</i>

OTHER TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS			
<i>Dates of study</i>	<i>Institution, country</i>	<i>Degree (e.g., BA) major subject</i>	<i>Final result (GPA)</i>

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCE
Please provide information regarding your research achievements and experience to date such as research assistant work/experience, research projects completed, publications, research awards, conference papers...

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY		
Is English your first language?	Yes / No	Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (no band less than 6.5 in each element), or equivalent (e.g., a degree completed through English).

A 4. Academic reference

Please provide the contact details for an academic reference. This person cannot be the prospective supervisor listed in this application. Please note this person may be contacted by your prospective supervisor and/or the UCD School of Psychology.	
Name:	
University / Institutional affiliation:	
Contact information (email address and/or phone number):	

A 5. Prospective supervisor

5.1. Please indicate the academic staff member under whom you wish to apply (Who do you want to be your supervisor?).	Information about the programme can be found by clicking the relevant link below
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	Faculty profiles
5.2. Please tell us why you would like to work with that Faculty member and cite at least one of their publications that links most closely to your interests/proposed research?	
(Please write no more than 200 words)	
5.3. Please tell us why you would like to join the selected programme of UCD School of Psychology.	
(200 words max)	

A 6. Research interests

6.1. Please provide a brief outline of your research interests or some details of your research proposal.
(200 words max)
6.2. Briefly outline the research experience or skills you have that will contribute to the success of the project.
(200 words max)
6.3. Briefly outline how the proposed research will build upon or fit with the supervisor's research?
(200 words max)
6.4. List of 10 academic references (e.g., papers) most relevant to the proposal.
(Please list no more than 10 references)

A 7. Personal statement

Please provide a personal statement below. This is a chance for you to highlight any additional information which has not been included elsewhere in the application. For example, why have you proposed this research topic? Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skillset that you wish to build? Why are you particularly suited to this research field? Here you should mention your career plans. <i>Here we want to see that you have considered what is involved in a graduate research degree, and that this specific proposal will help you develop skills to support your professional development.</i>
(Please write no more than 500 words)

PART B

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

To be completed in collaboration with prospective supervisor.

NOTE: If you have not yet contacted your prospective supervisor, you can leave this part (**Part B**) blank until they have agreed to work with you on a proposal. **Part B** must be completed before submitting the application to the UCD School of Psychology Graduate Research Committee.

B 8. Research proposal

8.1 Title
(Please try to write no more than 15 words)
8.2 Brief description of topic and research rationale. Please provide details of your proposed research to include how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal, then clearly state the aims, objectives and/or central research questions of the project. <i>Here you should provide a rationale for the research. For example, if you are proposing an evaluation of an intervention, the rationale explains why the evaluation is needed, rather than presenting an argument that the intervention works.</i>
(300 words max)
8.3 Brief description of methodology and research plan. Please detail the theoretical framework, research design and methodologies to be used to answer the research question. Include a schedule for the completion of tasks/phases of the project and a plan for efficient management and performance of the research. <i>We know your project and plan will evolve over the course of the PhD, so we recognise that you may provide less detail for later stages of the plan. Below we look for more clarity and detail in year 1 and the earlier parts of your plan.</i>
(300 words max)
8.4 Description of the proposed contribution or impact of the work. Here you may, for example, describe the relationship of the project to existing research; How will the project make a new contribution to knowledge? Do not provide bibliographical lists or footnotes here.
(200 words max)

8.5 Briefly outline the research skills that you aim to develop over the course of the programme.

The UCD Graduate Research programme aims to develop research and professional skills. After discussing with your prospective supervisor, describe here, for example, any specialist knowledge or data required for the project, or any transferable skills to support your career development.

(200 words max)

8.6 Briefly outline how the proposed research will build upon or fit with the supervisor's research and the UCD School of Psychology.

(200 words max)

8.7 List up to 10 academic references most relevant to the proposal (1 page max).

(Please list no more than 10 references)

B 9. Research Funding

How do you propose to fund your time on the research degree programme?

You might mention specific funding streams. If self-funding, comment on how this might impact the feasibility or schedule of the proposed research.

(200 words max)

PART C

ENDORSEMENT BY SUPERVISOR

To be completed by prospective supervisor.

C 10. Supervisor endorsement

Please outline to the UCD School of Psychology Graduate Research Committee, why you are endorsing this applicant with this project. Please refer to your collaboration with them on this application.

(300 words max)

In your opinion, does the applicant require any specific specialist training to complete the proposed project? If so, can you give some details as to how you will support them in this regard.

(Approximately 100 words)

C 11. Supervisor declaration

I hereby endorse this application to UCD School of Psychology.

Signature of Research Supervisor

Date

PART D

CHECKLIST AND DECLARATION

To be completed by the candidate alone

D 12. Checklist before submitting to the School of Psychology Graduate Research Committee.

Check	Delete icons below as applicable	Details
Is your form complete?	✓ .	Applicants should ensure all sections in this form are completed in full. Do not leave any section blank; Insert N/A where there is no applicable information to provide.
Is your form signed by all parties?	✓ .	Form B Applications must be signed by both the applicant and the supervisor.
Have you included your transcript(s) of results?	✓ .	Non-UCD Applicants must supply originals of degree/s, course transcripts and birth certificate.
Have you included evidence that you meet the English Language Requirements for UCD?	✓ . N/A	Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (no band less than 6.5 in each element), or equivalent (e.g., a degree through English).
Have you included a sample of your written work?	✓ .	Applicants are required to accompany their application with a sample of their written work. For example, this may be an academic assignment or a research publication.
Have you paid the application fee?	✓ .	Applicants must pay €40 to the School of Psychology UCD. See link immediately below.

Application fee can be paid by clicking this link or pasting it into your browser:

https://sisweb.ucd.ie/usis/W_CR_DISPLAY.P_WEB_PAYMENT?p_linked=Y&p_rsrc_code=FIN349

D 13. Applicant Declaration

By signing the declaration below... ...you are declaring that the information provided by you is correct. ...you consent to the use of the information in this application being shared between the members of the UCD School of Psychology, to be reviewed by potential supervisors, for the purposes of processing the application. ...you consent to the use of de-identified information provided in section A and B, for the purposes of programmatic quality review.	
Signature of Applicant	
Date	