



**IRC-Funded PhD Scholarship in Contemporary Irish Literature,
UCD School of English, Drama and Film**



The School of English, Drama and Film at University College Dublin is pleased to announce a doctoral scholarship to work as part of a project team under the supervision of Associate Professor Adam Kelly. The award includes a stipend of €18,500 per annum (for a maximum of four years, renewable each year subject to satisfactory progress), and a contribution to fees, including non-EU fees, up to a maximum of €5,750 per annum. A budget for conference travel is also available.

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<https://www.ucd.ie/englishdramafilm/>.

You can find Dr Kelly's research profile here: <https://people.ucd.ie/adam.kelly>

Project Description

The project, “Imaginative Literature and Social Trust, 1990-2025,” has been funded by the Irish Research Council. It will address representations of social trust in American, Irish, and Russian literature published after 1990, taking a comparative perspective and with a particular focus on the impact of digital technologies, the global economy, and institutions of literary culture. The doctoral scholar will work on the representation of social trust in contemporary Irish literature (primarily prose fiction) in this period, and will work with the Supervisor to develop an independent PhD thesis on this topic.

Scholarship Description

The doctoral student will join a vibrant interdisciplinary research community, with regular seminars, workshops, and symposia. As part of the project team, they will disseminate their research at international conferences and workshops, and co-organise two conferences at UCD.

Essential Criteria

- MA in English Literature (high MA result of 2:1-1:1 or GPA above 3.2)
- Evidence of a strong interest in contemporary Irish literature, primarily prose fiction
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- IELTS score of 8, if English is not your first language

Application



In order to apply, please send the following by **10 July 2022** to Dr Kelly (adam.kelly@ucd.ie):

- CV;
- Personal statement outlining why you are interested in this field of research, a paragraph about proposed individual research under the theme of the project, and any other information you think is relevant (max. 1000 words);
- proof of English-language proficiency if English is not your first language (minimum of 8 IELTS);
- writing sample (e.g. an essay or section of MA dissertation); (max. 5,000 words);
- the names of two academic referees. If a candidate is shortlisted, they will be asked to contact their referees to ask them to submit references by the date of interview. Shortlisted candidates will also be asked to provide academic transcripts.

A shortlist of candidates will be invited for interview by video conferencing in the week beginning **18 July**. The selected candidate will be required to submit a formal application to the UCD School of English, Drama and Film subsequent to the interview. All awards will commence in September 2022 and it is a requirement that applicants have been awarded a master's degree before commencing the PhD studentship.