



Application for Scholarship in Research and Teaching in the UCD School of Physics.

2025 – 2029 (not to exceed 4 years funding for PhD or 2 years for MSc by research, renewable annually).

Closing date: Thursday 27st March 2025 @ 17:00 (GMT).

The Scholarships will be offered by May/June 2025 and the final list confirmed by July 2025, or sooner.

Introduction: The UCD School of Physics Scholarship in Research and Teaching is an award that enables excellent students to conduct either a PhD or MSc research project while developing their teaching skills. The Scholarship requires students to undertake 192 hours maximum of tutoring and/or laboratory demonstrating per year.

Application Procedure:

All applicants must read and familiarize themselves with the Terms and Conditions of this scholarship. Scholarships are awarded subject to the attached Terms and Conditions for 2025.

The main criteria for assessing applications for the Scholarship in Research and Teaching from the School of Physics are:

- #1. Student quality and research project – assessment based on CV, proposed supervisor and referees' (2) reports, grades, and personal statement including research project description. (Academic Background: 30%, Project: 30%)
- #2. Interest in teaching and teaching development – assessment based on the personal statement written by the student and proposed supervisor if possible. (Teaching: 30%)
- #3. Absence of other funding for the student – assessment based on statement from proposed supervisor of general group finances and a statement to the effect that no other funding is available for the student (10%).

The Scholarship in Research and Teaching is a stipend valued at €22,000 per annum and also covers UCD fees for students. Successful applicants will in addition be supported by a UCD School of Physics grant of €2,000 per annum to support their research activity, as determined by the principal supervisor and student collaboratively. All students are obliged to pay the Student Centre Levy.

Candidates are required to have the following paperwork fully completed and submitted by the closing date:

- ✓ A signed copy of the **Terms & Conditions document** indicating that they have read, understand, and accepted the Terms and Conditions
- ✓ Three **UCD Science Referee Forms (Physics)** [*one must be your proposed main supervisor]
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae,
- ✓ For students who have not completed their undergraduate or master's degree through the English language, evidence of meeting the UCD School of Physics English language entry requirements (See item 3 in the Terms & Conditions document),
- ✓ Up-to-date transcripts of course of studies and degree certificates covering your BSc and, if applicable, MSc work. If awaiting results, provide transcripts of results-to-date,
- ✓ **'Application for Scholarship in Research and Teaching (SIRAT) Candidate Form 2025'**.

For supervisors: you must provide a confidential recommendation (a brief statement on general group finances and a statement to the effect that no other funding is available for the student. This should be written on the end of the referee document, for convenience.)

NB Students: you should plan to ask for any reference in good time to assist your supervisor/referees with your application.

Please complete the following form:

Application for Scholarship in Research and Teaching (SIRAT) Candidate Form 2025

Applicant Name:		Signature:	
UCD Student Number: (If applicable)		Date:	
Project:			

Degree(s) already obtained: Undergraduate and/or Master's degree(s), institution(s) and grades:

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Personal statements: The first should include; a brief description of your research proposal and your reasons for wishing to pursue this research in the School of Physics at UCD, (<1200 words in total, as a guide there should be ~500 words on the project agreed with the proposed supervisor]. The second statement should provide a description of your interest in teaching and teaching development. (<300 words). It is recommended you view section 9 of the Terms and Conditions document prior to writing your personal statements.

Research (<1200 words): Feel welcome to expand this box to suit the length of your personal statement.
Teaching (<300 words): Feel welcome to expand this box to suit the length of your personal statement.

Completed application for scholarship award to be returned to:

Bairbre Fox (she/her)
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Closing date: Thursday 27st March 2025 at 17:00 GMT/Irish time. All referee documents must be received by this deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Should you or your supervisor need to email, please use bairbre.fox@ucd.ie