College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

Postgraduate Research Travel Bursaries 2026-2027

(Period of travel: 1 September 2026 – 31 August 2027)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In the current academic year, a one-off scheme will make available a limited number of bursaries for international travel that is relevant to the research of students pursuing fulltime postgraduate research degrees in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies at the University of Galway.

2. Only postgraduate research students currently registered on a full-time basis in the 2026-27 academic year are eligible to apply for these bursaries.

3. A total of 12 travel bursaries valued at €400 each will be awarded across the College to help offset the costs of international travel associated with research activities, networking, and dissemination. Students may submit applications based on relevant international travel undertaken (or due to be taken) during the period from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027.

4. Travel bursaries may be used to support the following activities: research presentations at conferences/events; library and archival work; fieldwork; practice-based research activities; attendance at summer schools, workshops, or similar.

5. **The critical criterion in evaluating all applications will be that the travel for which the bursary is sought is shown to be <u>essential</u> to the applicant's research project.** In addition, the following will be prioritised in decision-making: a) Students who have had proposals accepted or formal invitations issued to present research at high-profile international conferences/events; b) Students who are not currently in receipt of other forms of fellowship/scholarship funding; c) Students within the first four years (4) of their PhD studies.

6. A brief written recommendation in support of the application must be received from (one of) the applicant's supervisor(s). This document must be submitted by the applicant as part of the online application process. Applications not supported by a recommendation will be deemed incomplete.

7. Successful applicants may be required to submit a brief post-travel report accounting for their activities.

8. The College reserves the right to audit all claims and may request copies of travel-related receipts.

9. The College reserves the right to alter the conditions of the travel bursary scheme at any time.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The application form is available online here.
- The deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 pm on Friday 18 December 2026.