

University of Galway History Travel Bursary

The University of Galway History Travel Bursary was created in honour of Dr Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh (née Whelan) (1967-2014). A native of Killaloe, Co. Clare, Dr. Ó hÓgartaigh was a scholar and graduate in History from University of Galway, holding an MA in History from this university (1991) which was subsequently published as *Edward Hay: historian of 1798* (2010). Her doctorate, completed at UCD in 1999, considered the role of Irishwomen in the professions in the period 1880-1930. Margaret's wide range and variety of publications – several score up to 2013 – reflected abiding interests in the histories of gender, medicine, sport, education and religion, as epitomized by her seminal biography, *Kathleen Lynn: Irishwoman, patriot and doctor* (2006). Holder of a Fulbright scholarship at Boston College in 2000-2001, Margaret was also a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland and taught at several third-level colleges in Ireland and also in New Zealand. A community-minded scholar and vivacious presence, Margaret's student and academic life included successes in athletics, and generous involvement in An Cumann Staire and sister student history societies elsewhere. With the support of her husband Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, this memorial prize recalls her life by enabling other University of Galway students to pursue new paths in research, as she did.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. A number of bursaries will be on offer to support travel that is relevant to the research of students pursuing postgraduate research degrees.
- 2. The critical criterion in evaluating all applications will be that the travel for which the bursary is sought must be shown to be <u>essential</u> to the applicant's research project.

- 3. To this end, the only travel eligible for consideration under the University of Galway History Travel Bursary shall be travel undertaken for the purposes of consulting archives, libraries or other sources of material of significance to the applicant's research project which is not otherwise available for them to consult.
- 3. Only students in years 1-4 of their postgraduate programme (full-time) or years 1-6 (part-time) are eligible to apply for these bursaries.
- **4.** Preference will be given to students according to the following priority list:
 - a. Students who are not currently in receipt of fellowship/scholarship funding and who have not benefitted previously from a Postgraduate Research Travel Bursary from the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies or from this University of Galway History Travel Bursary
 - **b.** Students who are not currently in receipt of fellowship/scholarship funding and who have benefitted previously from a Postgraduate Research Travel Bursary from the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies
 - c. Current fellowship/scholarship-funded students who have not previously benefitted from a Postgraduate Research Travel Bursary from the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies or from this University of Galway History Travel Bursary
 - d. Current fellowship/scholarship-funded students who have previously benefitted from a Postgraduate Research Travel Bursary from the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies
 - **e.** Current fellowship/scholarship-funded students who have previously benefitted from this History Travel Bursary.
- 5. No more than $\[\in \]$ 2,000 will be given to any individual under this scheme.
- 6. Students must make use of public transport where available and ensure that all other costs are reasonable. If use of a car is required, clear justification should be provided.

 An estimate of petrol costs or receipts for same may be submitted.
- 7. Travel must normally begin in Ireland. However, in exceptional cases, History may

consider as eligible for consideration under this present scheme a research journey which begins from an intermediate location – outside of Ireland – if, and only if, the student in their application makes a satisfactory case as to why the journey in question is best undertaken from that location outside of Ireland. A section on the students' application form is provided for explaining this and supervisors are asked to specifically address any such departure from the normal pattern of research travel originating in Ireland in their written statements of support for their students' applications.

High quality scans or PDF versions of receipts should be submitted directly to the Administrator of the Department of History, Helena Condon (Helena.condon@universityofgalway.ie), according to the instructions below. All travel and accommodation receipts, and subsistence receipts of more than €20, should be provided. It is not necessary to provide smaller subsistence receipts but we reserve the right to audit all claims and may request the originals of all receipts.

- 8. The scheme operates as follows: students may submit applications based on any or all relevant travel undertaken (or due to be taken) during the period of the bursary. This is done in the form of a single application which covers travel for which the student wishes to apply. Awards are made based on a tiered system (Point 4 above). The award will be an amount up to but not exceeding the limit outlined in Point 5. Proof of expenses (receipts, paid invoices, air tickets, etc.) must be submitted before payment is made. The maximum bursary that can be paid to an individual student for this application period is €2,000.
- 9. A written recommendation in support of your application must be received from (one of) your supervisor(s). This should be submitted directly via email by your supervisor to Prof Enrico Dal Lago (enrico.dallago@universityofgalway.ie), the History Department's Director of Graduate Studies. For the purposes of central record-keeping, the Administrator of the Department of History, Helena Condon (Helena.condon@universityofgalway.ie) should also be circulated with this email (by 'cc-ing'). Applications that are not supported by a recommendation will be deemed incomplete.

10. The discipline of History reserves the right to alter the conditions of the Travel Bursary at any time.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Download, save and complete the Application form and return as an email attachment to tomas.finn@universityofgalway.ie, with 'University of Galway History Travel Bursary application of ... (insert your full name)' in the <u>subject line of the email</u>.
- Remember it is <u>essential</u> that <u>your supervisor(s)</u> send(s) a recommendation on your behalf via email directly to tomas.finn@universityofgalway.ie before the deadline.

AWARD PERIOD AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

• Receipt should be submitted to Helena Condon (Helena.condon@universityofgalway.ie). These should normally be submitted within 2 months of travel. For travel conducted in July and August, receipts should, however, be submitted by 31 August.

No receipts submitted after 31 August can be reimbursed.