



## PhD Scholarship Advertisement

Fully Funded PhD Scholarship in **Systems of Transmitting Early Modern Manuscript Verse, 1475–1700 (STEMMA) project**  
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

Application(s) are invited from suitably qualified candidates for full-time funded PhD scholarship(s) starting in January 2024 affiliated to the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies at the University of Galway. This position is available from January 2024 for four years, subject to satisfactory progress.

### University of Galway

Located in the vibrant cultural city of Galway in the west of Ireland, the University of Galway has a distinguished reputation for teaching and [research excellence](#)

The PhD researcher will be associated with the European Research Council-funded project “STEMMA: Systems of Transmitting Early Modern Manuscript Verse, 1475–1700.” The successful applicant will be a member of a project team that also includes the principal investigator and three postdoctoral researchers. The PhD will the circulation of verse between manuscript and print for centuries after the introduction of printing with movable type. Using the datasets prepared by the project team alongside library catalogues and finding aids, the doctoral researcher will identify manuscript volumes likely to have been copied from printed sources. The researcher will then conduct targeted research trips to overseas libraries and archives to photograph and inventorise relevant manuscripts before returning to the host institution to identify print sources and analyse results with other members of the research team.

**Living allowance (Stipend):** €18,500 per annum, [tax-exempt scholarship award]

**University fees:** €5,750

**Start date:** 3 January 2024

### Academic Entry Requirements:

#### Required

- An honours BA with a minimum degree result of a high 2.1 or international equivalent.
- Prior study of early modern literature and/or history.
- Minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent (only applicable for students who have not earned a previous degree in an English-speaking context).

#### Desirable



- Previous experience with English paleography and/or codicology.
- A demonstrable interest in book history, textual editing, and/or digital humanities.
- A good reading knowledge of Latin and/or another European language.
- A Master's-level qualification.

**To Apply for the Scholarship:** Please send the following as an email attachment:

- An academic CV, including contact details for three referees
- *Either* a cover letter or a personal statement (maximum 700 words) outlining your background, interests, and aptitude for doctoral-level research
- A scanned/electronic copy of your academic transcripts listing coursework and grades for each degree obtained or in progress (hard copies may be required at a later date)
- An academic writing sample (minimum 3,000 and maximum 15,000 words)

Your supporting documentation should be combined into a **single PDF document**. Please use your surname for the file name. **Send this PDF to [mooreinstitute@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:mooreinstitute@universityofgalway.ie) using the subject line 'STEMMA PhD scholarship'.**

Online application forms and all supporting documents must be received by the stated deadline in order to receive full consideration.

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**Application Deadline:** 10/7/2024 at 17:00 (Irish time 24hr format)

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