



PhD Scholarship Advertisement

Fully Funded PhD Scholarship in Exploring the Arctic Archive
SCHOOL OF ENGLISH AND CREATIVE ARTS

Application(s) are invited from suitably qualified candidates for full-time funded PhD scholarship(s) starting in September, 2023 affiliated to the Discipline of English at the University of Galway.

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Detailed Project Description

Applicants are invited for a four-year Doctoral (PhD) Scholarship, starting September 2023 (or as soon as possible thereafter), as part of the SFI-IRC Pathway project **Exploring the Arctic Archive: Recovering Documentary Visual and Literary Sources of the Circumpolar North in the Long Nineteenth Century**. Further details are available on <https://mooreinstitute.ie/2023/04/24/doctoral-research-scholarship-3/>

This interdisciplinary project explores the documentary art and literature of the western Arctic environment (in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and the Nordic countries) during the long nineteenth century (1789-1914) and recovers scattered materials that can be difficult for researchers to locate. These include drawings, sketches, paintings and their adjacent texts, which show the region as represented by Indigenous peoples, settlers, and travellers to the circumpolar North. This is not the perpetually icy and terrible space that appears repeatedly during the nineteenth century in public contexts, but a biodiverse, inhabited, and seasonal place. The work aims to rewrite the history of the visual representation of the Arctic and to upend popular stereotypes.

Your Role: The topic of the PhD research should connect broadly to the project's field of attention (by engaging with aspects of travel, Arctic studies, visibility, the environment, Indigenous peoples, or the archive). Applicants are invited to develop their own ideas in response to the overall theme. Proposals could focus, for example, on a sub-period from the eighteenth to twentieth centuries, on individuals or groups of writers and/or artists, on specific themes, territories, environments, or peoples in the Arctic. In addition to pursuing your research, you will also work with the PI and supervisor, Dr Eavan O'Dochartaigh, in populating a database with information gathered in archival repositories and be responsible for co-creating an online exhibition with the PI.

The PhD Scholarship: This exciting opportunity will cover the candidate's PhD fees and provide the successful applicant with an annual stipend of €18,500. There is funding available from



the project for travel to archival repositories as well to attend up to two conferences per year for the first three years.

The successful candidate will be situated at University of Galway, within the Moore Institute under the supervision of Dr O'Dochartaigh, Prof. Daniel Carey, and a Graduate Research Committee. They will be enrolled in the structured 4-year PhD Programme in the Department of English and will be able to avail of taught modules as well as short courses offered by the Researcher Development Centre at University of Galway. Interdisciplinarity is encouraged, and a third supervisor in another discipline can be appointed if necessary.

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

University fees: €5,026

Start date: September 2023

Academic Entry Requirements: An undergraduate degree (with a first-class -preferred or 2:1 grade or equivalent) in a relevant academic area (including but not limited to: Literature, Art History, History of Science, History, Visual Culture, Indigenous Studies, Geography, Folklore, Ethnology, Political Science, Environmental Studies, Gender and Women's Studies). Fluency in English.

To Apply for the Scholarship: The Application Must Include

- A 1-2 page cover letter that highlights the candidate's suitability, based on the essential and desired criteria and their motivation for application
- A 3-4 page research plan including abstract, aims, objectives, state of the art, theory, and methodology
- A detailed CV
- Two letters of recommendation from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work (these can be emailed directly from referees if preferred)
- A sample of academic writing (essay, thesis chapter etc.)
- Applications should be sent as a single pdf file to mooreinstitute@universityofgalway.ie and must include "SFI-IRC Pathway PhD Scholarship" in the subject line.
- Certified academic transcripts and certificates of all degrees will be required at shortlisting stage



Informal enquiries can be sent by email to Dr Eavan O'Dochartaigh eavan.odochartaigh@universityofgalway.ie with the words "SFI-IRC Pathway PhD Enquiry" followed by the applicant's name in the subject bar.

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Application Deadline: date 30 /06 / 2023 and time 17:00 (Irish time 24hr format)

Primary Supervisor name (if applicable): Dr Eavan O'Dochartaigh