

The Centre for Global Health is pleased to invite applicants to apply for a PhD scholarship in the Health Research Board funded Trials Methodology Research Network (TMRN). This particular Scholarship is provided by the School of Medicine at Trinity College Dublin.

The HRB-TMRN is a partnership between NUI Galway, University College Cork, Trinity College Dublin, Queen's University Belfast, University College Dublin and the University of Leeds. The overall mission of the HRB-TMRN is to strengthen trial methodology and reporting on the island of Ireland, through a programme of work, which will also impact elsewhere in the UK and internationally. This will be achieved through a focus on three high-level activities relating to the methodology of trials (i) support (ii) training and education and (iii) research and innovation.

This three-year, fully funded studentship is available immediately. The successful candidate will join the PhD Global Health programme in the Centre for Global Health, Trinity College Dublin. The PhD Global Health is a doctoral training programme that aims to provide promising early-stage researchers with a world class experience and scholarship. By the end of their doctoral training, students will have gained first-hand knowledge and experience of conducting practical research in the areas of health systems strengthening, human resources for health, and equitable access to health care.

The successful candidate will undertake a PhD project in the field of trials methodology. More specifically, the successful candidate's research should focus on the dissemination of trial results, with an emphasis on the contextual factors that support and/or thwart both the dissemination and implementation of trial research findings. The lead Supervisor will be Dr Fiona Larkan (Trinity College Dublin) with Prof Eilish McAuliffe (University College Dublin) acting as co-supervisor; the student will also be able to draw on the expertise of other members of the HRB-TMRN and members of the Centre for Global Health.

Scholarships include an annual stipend of €16,000, up to €2,500 annually towards project costs, a small travel allowance, and fees (at EU rates). Scholarships are available for up to 3 years (full-time) and students will enroll in the School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin, for the PhD Global Health Programme, which includes access to relevant modules on the Masters in Global Health.

The HRB-TMRN acknowledges the value to the student of carrying out part of their research in another University or Institution or in the field and encourages collaboration with the Medical Research Council (MRC, UK) Hubs for Trials Methodology Research. Placement opportunities will be sought within one or more of these hubs. This will help the students to gather diverse data for their research, and broader experience for their future careers. This will also allow students to benefit from interactions with a broader group of students working on trial methodology research. A separate travel bursary is available to support this activity.

Applicants can submit their concept note or proposals effective immediately and must meet the following requirements:

- **Applicants should hold, or expect to receive, a first class or a good upper second class Honours degree (or equivalent) in an area relevant to the proposed field of research.**
- Where an applicant does not meet this requirement (e.g. they hold a lower second class undergraduate degree), they are eligible to apply if they hold, or expect to receive, a Masters degree (in an area relevant to the proposed PhD) before starting their studentship.
- A fluent command of the English language (see link for more details)
- A strong understanding of research principles and methodologies (as assessed by the applicant's research concept note)

Application Process

To be considered for a position on the course, candidates must submit ALL of the following documents to Dr. Frédérique Vallières via email (vallierf@tcd.ie) as soon as possible:

1. **Cover letter**
2. **Personal Statement**
3. **Updated Curriculum Vitae**
4. **Research Concept Note outlining the candidate's Proposed Research as per the above research topic**
5. **Copy of the candidate's academic record(s)**
6. **2 Academic References sent by January 31st, 2015 to vallierf@tcd.ie. Please note the following in regards to references:**
 - References from proposed supervisors will not be accepted.
 - It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that references are submitted by the deadline.
 - References are supplied confidentially and are not made available to applicants at any stage during or after the competition.

For informal enquiries please contact either Fiona Larkin (larkanf@tcd.ie) or Eilish McAuliffe (Eilish.Mcauliffe@ucd.ie)

Applications must be submitted by January 31st, 2015.