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CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship Global Women's Studies

Research theme: Gender, participation and realising human rights in local and community contexts

The College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies at NUI Galway is pleased to offer a CONNECT Doctoral Research Scholarship in Global Women's Studies commencing in the autumn of 2010, renewable for up to three years.

The active engagement of community groups in monitoring the local implementation of international human rights standards is a new and exciting area of human rights practice that warrants scholarly investigation (see for example www.pprproject.org). We also know that while women are generally under-represented in national politics and policy making, they are more active in community based advocacy. Recognising these trends, applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates with demonstrable academic interests in gender, human rights and the role of civil society organisations in the implementation of international human rights standards. The successful applicant will normally have a good honours MA degree in a relevant discipline (e.g. Political Science, Human Rights/Law, Community Development, Women's Studies) with strong research, communications and organisational skills. Applications will also be considered from students who hold, or expect to attain before July 2009, a high honours primary degree (first class or higher 2nd class) from a recognised institution in a relevant discipline. Practical knowledge of human rights and/or equality policies or mechanisms and/or of advocacy work in a relevant civil society organisation would also be an advantage.

The CONNECT Scholar will be an integral member of the Global Women's Studies Programme in the School of Political Science and Sociology, with Dr. Niamh Reilly acting as primary supervisor of the PhD project. In addition to undertaking PhD research on a topic, proposed by the applicant, related to gender, participation and the practice of human rights in local contexts, the CONNECT Scholar will contribute to the BA CONNECT in Global Women's Studies (approximately 15 hours per month from Year Two). This will include the ongoing development and delivery of advocacy oriented modules, coordination of activities to promote links between the BA CONNECT programme and local organisations, and related research activities. The Scholarship provides €15,000 per year (exclusive of fees) over a maximum period of 4 years. For further details and to download the required forms (CONNECT Scholarship Application and Referee forms and Scholarship Terms & Conditions) please visit: www.nuigalway.ie/womens_studies. For informal inquiries, please contact: Dr. Niamh Reilly (niamh.reilly@nuigalway.ie)

Deadline for receipt applications: July 9th 2010