

The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS)

Dublin City University, Ireland

Doctoral Research Scholarships in Applied Linguistics and/or Translation Studies

SALIS is a multilingual, multicultural research-focused school with specialisms in Modern Languages, Applied Linguistics, Translation Studies, and Cultural and Intercultural Studies. Our research frequently crosses disciplinary and linguistic boundaries, and our scholarship is increasingly concerned with digital technologies, literacies, and practices in a variety of professional, academic and social contexts.

As part of our commitment to ensuring excellence in doctoral-level research, SALIS is pleased to offer a number of **scholarships for full-time PhD students** commencing at the end of September, 2017. Successful candidates will be paid a stipend of €16,000 per annum for up to four years, subject to satisfactory annual progression. Registration fees will also be paid.

Topics

Successful candidates will join the [Applied Linguistics Group \(ALG\)](#) and/or the [Centre for Translation and Textual Studies \(CTTS\)](#). We are particularly interested in receiving research proposals in the following areas:

- Second Language Acquisition (SLA), Second Language Development (SLD);
- Foreign language pedagogy, multilingual education;
- Language policy;
- Pragmatics and reception studies of multimodal interaction;
- Computer-assisted language learning (incl. digital literacies, multimodality, CMC, data-driven language learning, HCI for language teaching/learning, etc.);
- Translation pedagogy;
- Translation Studies (translation in crisis, workplace-based research, translation technology, HCI, etc.);
- Community interpreting.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold a relevant undergraduate degree at 2.1 or first-class honours level (or equivalent). Ideally, they should also hold a relevant Master's qualification. Candidates who are currently completing a Master's qualification are welcome to apply.

Candidates must also be capable of contributing to the delivery of modules in SALIS, particularly in the following areas: French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese or English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Application Procedure

Interested candidates must first agree a research proposal with a member of academic staff attached to [ALG](#) or [CTTS](#). Information on academic staff in SALIS, their research interests and their contact email addresses can also be found [here](#).

Before contacting a potential supervisor, you should ensure that your intended topic matches

one or more of their interests. You should only apply for the scholarship if a faculty member from SALIS is supporting your application.

Candidates should then email their applications in a single pdf file to the SALIS School Office (salis.office@dcu.ie) putting SALIS PhD scholarships 2017-2018 in the subject line, no later than Friday 19 May, 2017, 17:00 (Irish time).

Applications should include the following:

- A detailed CV including UG/PG awards, research projects, dissertations, and referees;
- Copies of undergraduate and, where applicable, postgraduate transcripts;
- A letter of recommendation from an academic referee;
- A statement from the candidate, outlining reasons to pursue a PhD in SALIS, suitability of the candidate, etc. (appr. 1,000 words)
- A research proposal (see below).

Research proposal

Your research proposal should be no more than 5,000 words long, and must include the name of a potential supervisor in SALIS, who must have already approved the proposal. The proposal should include:

- A preliminary literature review to show your familiarity with the area and locate your work in the appropriate fields;
- Clearly defined research questions;
- A proposed methodology;
- Indicative contribution of your research to knowledge.
- A bibliography (not included in the word count)

After submitting your proposal

Your proposal will be assessed by a panel of senior academics from SALIS and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to interview. If successful, you will be required to apply formally to DCU via the [Postgraduate Applications Centre \(PAC\)](#). Note that applications submitted to PAC before approval by the School has been given, will not be considered.

Inquiries

Preliminary inquiries may be sent to Dr Ryoko Sasamoto, Director of Research in SALIS (ryoko.sasamoto@dcu.ie).

The closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 (Irish Time) on Friday, 19th May, 2017.