

# 1912-1923

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of War and Revolution in Ireland

## HISTORY BURSARY



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### HISTORY BURSARY

#### INTRODUCTION

Universities Ireland, the body that promotes collaboration between universities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, is offering at least two bursaries to students at MA, M.Phil, M.Litt, and Ph.D/D.Litt levels on a topic relating to the 1912-1923 period in Ireland, the decade of the First World War and the division of the island into the states of Ireland (Irish Free State) and Northern Ireland. Applications are particularly welcome this year from students undertaking work on the impact of events in 2023 on this island.

This bursary scheme is part of a wider inter-university initiative by the universities on the island of Ireland entitled '1912-1923: Reflecting on a decade of War and Revolution in Ireland' that is making a high-level, scholarly and sustained contribution to reflection on this vital period by the island's intellectual leaders, the eleven universities (and particularly their departments of history). The initiative also involves a series of annual international conferences.

There are at least two bursaries of €13,000 and they must be taken up for the academic year 2023-2024. While it is not required that the study be completed in 2024, there will be no further award for study in following years.

#### ELIGIBILITY

These bursaries are open to all students currently registered at (or who have graduated from) a university or other higher education institution and who have been accepted onto a post-graduate course at an Irish or British university on a topic to do with the 1912-1923 period in Ireland.

This bursary scheme is open to students studying for the degree of MA / M.Phil / M. Litt / Ph.D / D.Phil by research / Masters.



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This scheme is aimed primarily at students of history, although it is also open to students from other related disciplines such as literature, politics, economics, sociology and religion to apply.

This scheme is open only to students wishing to undertake or already undertaking post-graduate study **at an Irish or British university**, although applicants can hold a primary degree from a university or other higher education institution in any country.

**The fundamental requirement of this bursary scheme is that applicants must have been accepted to a programme of post-graduate study – on a full-time or part-time basis – in an Irish or British university before any award can be made.** The successful candidate will be provisionally notified by late June 2023 and will have until early August to provide documentary proof to Universities Ireland that they have been offered such a place or are already enrolled in a post-graduate programme. If such proof is not forthcoming, a bursary will be offered to the first person on a reserve list.

### THE ESSAY

To be considered for this award, applicants will be required to write a short essay of 2,000 words outlining their proposed research topic in an area related to the 1912-1923 period in Ireland. The essay should outline the field of research and suggest the principal ideas that will be developed and/or hypotheses that will be tested. In the case of taught masters programmes, applicants should address their proposed dissertation topic in this essay. It should outline briefly the existing historiography and the archives that will be used in the chosen research area. It should make clear what may be considered as new and original in the proposed topic.

Selection for the bursary will be scored on the quality of the proposal and on the results of their preceding degree(s). Applications must be supported by two academic references. The selection panel, drawn from academic staff of the departments of history (and related departments) in the universities on the island will judge the proposal on the following criteria: the originality of the proposal; its potential impact in developing themes of particular historical and public interest in the 1912-1923 period; the coherence of the proposal in terms of the primary sources envisaged and the feasibility of consulting them in the time available; and the clarity and cogency of the essay itself.



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### TIMETABLE

**The deadline for applications for this bursary will be 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 by 4pm.** The completed application form and essay should be sent to Tricia Kelly, Universities Ireland by email ([tricia.kelly@qub.ac.uk](mailto:tricia.kelly@qub.ac.uk)).

### CONDITIONS

It will be a condition of this scheme that the successful candidate will attend the one-day Universities Ireland conference – “Reflecting on a Decade of War and Revolution in Ireland 1912-1923” – in 2023.

The bursary will be paid in two parts: 50% at the beginning of the student’s first post-graduate year in autumn 2023 and 50% at the end of their first year in June 2024 upon production of a report. This report will detail how the research is proceeding and ***this report must be countersigned by the student’s supervisor***, confirming that the research is proceeding satisfactorily. The bursary will be paid in euro.

Acknowledgment of this bursary must be made in the completed post-graduate study and in any publications arising from it. A copy of these publications must be submitted to Universities Ireland and Universities Ireland reserve the right to publish this material on their website [www.universitiesireland.ie](http://www.universitiesireland.ie).

Application forms are available on the Universities Ireland website ([www.universitiesireland.ie](http://www.universitiesireland.ie)).

Please submit by email to Tricia Kelly: [tricia.kelly@qub.ac.uk](mailto:tricia.kelly@qub.ac.uk)

**Application and accompanying essay must be received no later than 4pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**