



UCD School of Sociology *Ad Astra PhD Scholarships*

The School of Sociology at University College Dublin is pleased to invite applications from outstanding candidates for an Ad Astra PhD Scholarship on the topic of **Islam/Muslims in Europe from a sociological or anthropological perspective**, under the supervision of **Dr Elisabeth Becker-Topkara** (sociology@ucd.ie). Start date: As soon as possible, between September 2020 and January 2021.

The choice of country/countries of focus is open provided that the successful applicant is advanced in the necessary languages. S/he should have a background in sociology, anthropology and/or religious studies and be interested in undertaking qualitative or mixed methods research. Possible areas of focus include: Islamic revivalist/piety movements; Representation of Muslim minorities; Postcolonial legacies and diversity; Islamic institutions; Ethnic/racial/religious diversity present and past; Refugee migration and placemaking; and Muslim leadership. **Review of applications will begin on July 7th 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.** To be guaranteed full consideration, applicants must submit a full application by that date. See <https://bit.ly/31MLUaN> for application information.

The Ad Astra scheme involves students working under the supervision of an Ad Astra Fellow, a major recruitment initiative launched by University College Dublin. The Ad Astra Scholarships comprise an **annual stipend of €18,000, as well as a full fee-waiver.** There is also an allowance of up to **€4,000 per annum for research costs.** Scholarships are available for a period of up to 4 years, and annual renewal is subject to satisfactory progress being made. Successful applicants must meet the University's standard PhD admission requirements and be accepted into the School of Sociology's PhD programme.

First established in 1854, UCD is Ireland's largest university with almost 30,000 students, including 10,000 graduate students. It is one of the major research-intensive universities in Europe and is ranked within the top 1 per cent of universities worldwide. Further details of the University's profile and activities are available at www.ucd.ie