

TU Dublin ARISE PhD Scholarships 2024

FAQ 7th March 2024

Questions are grouped under the following headings:

- Supervision & Eligible Applicants
- Enterprise Partners
- Miscellaneous

	Supervision & Eligible Applicants
1.	Is it mandatory for the co-supervisor to be affiliated with TU Dublin, or can they be from an external institution? If external affiliations are permissible, are there any specific criteria or guidelines that these co-supervisors need to meet?
	A: As per the Terms and Conditions on page 12 of the Call Document, <i>The current edition of the TU Dublin Graduate Research Regulations will apply...</i> Supervision is described in Section 1.7 of the Graduate Research Regulations and Pages 9 & 12 of the Call Document.
2.	Could you clarify if co-supervisors for the ARISE PhD Scholarship Scheme are required to be from the same school within TU Dublin, or if it's permissible for them to be from different schools across TU Dublin in cases where external co-supervisors are not allowed?"
	A: As per the Terms and Conditions on page 12 of the Call Document, <i>The current edition of the TU Dublin Graduate Research Regulations will apply...</i> Supervision is described in Section 1.7 of the Graduate Research Regulations and Pages 9 & 12 of the Call Document.
3.	How are responsibilities distributed between the primary supervisor and co-supervisor(s) in the ARISE PhD Scholarship Scheme? Is there a designated lead supervisor, or do both share equal responsibility in the supervision of the PhD candidate?
	A: As per the Terms and Conditions on page 12 of the Call Document, <i>The current edition of the TU Dublin Graduate Research Regulations will apply...</i> The responsibilities of supervisors is described in Appendix 1 of the Graduate Research Regulations.

4.	Is there a limit to the number of applications that one PI can submit?
	A: There is no limit to the number of applications an applicant can submit.
5.	Can I be the primary supervisor on one project with a colleague listed as co-supervisor and then can they be primary supervisor on a second project with me listed as the co-supervisor?
	A: Yes. Supervision is described in Section 1.7 of the Graduate Research Regulations and Pages 9 & 12 of the Call Document.
6.	I am currently doing a postgraduate engineering course at TU Dublin, but I have already my PhD from UCD. I am wondering if I can be considered as researcher and am I eligible to apply for ARISE under engineering category?
	A: No. Applications to this programme are not invited from students. But you are welcome to apply to any PhD project advertised at https://www.tudublin.ie/research/postgraduate-research/prospective-students/find-a-project/
7.	Applications are invited from all full-time and pro-rata researchers at TU Dublin (p9) may ne confusing for some staff and that it should be clarified that suitable qualified academic staff are also eligible.
	A: Yes. Applications are invited from suitably qualified academic staff who are research active and meet the criteria for supervisors, as are described in Section 1.7 of the Graduate Research Regulations and Pages 9 & 12 of the Call Document.
	Enterprise Partners
8.	Are the below eligible industries before engaging in conversations with them? (names redacted under GDPR)
	A: Eligibility criteria for enterprise partners are given on page 7 of the Call Document including footnote number 9.
9.	My research is in the field of dentistry and oral healthcare, and I wonder if the following business would be a suitable (eligible) enterprise partner? (names redacted under GDPR)
	A: Eligibility criteria for enterprise partners are given on page 7 of the Call Document including footnote number 9.
10.	How is Public Sector body defined, is it inclusion in the CSO Register of Public Sector Bodies 2022 or similar?
	A: Eligible enterprise, including the public sector, is defined on page 7 of the Call Document including footnote number 9.

11.	How is NGO defined, is there a register similar to that for public sector bodies that can be checked?
	A: Eligible enterprise, including NGOs, is defined on page 7 of the Call Document including footnote number 9.
12.	It is difficult to see a social enterprise that is not a charity, NGO, or public sector body which are excluded. Could you give examples of organisations that might fit this category?
	A: Social enterprise is defined in footnote number 9 on page 7 of the Call Document
13.	Can a format be suggested for Industry support letter?
	A: Yes – please see the application form.
14.	As the candidate cannot be selected unless the proposal is won, can the support letter provide some T&C re: internship? like to qualify through Graduate Internship program, or the internship will be similar to their usual internship payment?
	See the application form for further details of the support letter.
15.	Is there a specified amount to be paid in Internship by the Industry as monthly salary? Does this need to be stated in the support letter?
	A: . It is at the discretion of the enterprise partner as to how much they pay the student. The student must be paid and benefit-in-kind is not considered payment. In relation to minimum wage and any other placement issue, the enterprise partner must comply with Ireland's employment legislation and State aid rules. See the application form for further details of the support letter.
16.	Can you please advise what "commitment to pay the student" means? Does company have to pay a salary during the three months of placement? If, yes, if there any minimum wage required? Is there any option to have this payment as benefit-in-kind?
	A: It is at the discretion of the enterprise partner as to how much they pay the student. The student must be paid and benefit-in-kind is not considered payment. In relation to minimum wage and any other placement issue, the enterprise partner must comply with Ireland's employment legislation and State aid rules.
17.	If the industrial placement is with a non-profit social enterprise, do they still have to pay the PhD student during their internship, or could the stipend cover this?
	A: As per page 9 of the Call Document Explicit, the enterprise partner must ' <i>...[commit] to host the PhD student for a 3 month placement, during Year 2, including a commitment to pay the student.</i>

18.	Could you please provide more details on the 3-month industry placement? what are the university's expectations regarding this, such as whether an industry partner is required to offer paid placement (and if so, how much) or if placement can be unpaid? Are we looking for any other contribution from an industry partner, cash or in kind?
	As per page 9 of the Call Document Explicit, the enterprise partner must ‘...[commit] to host the PhD student for a 3 month placement, during Year 2, including a commitment to pay the student. It is at the discretion of the enterprise partner as to how much they pay the student. The student must be paid and benefit-in-kind is not considered payment. In relation to minimum wage and any other placement issue, the enterprise partner must comply with Ireland’s employment legislation and State aid rules.
19.	Is there a minimum hours per week defined for the placement? Does it need to be fulltime?
	A: No, a minimum number of hours per week is not defined for the placement, but since these are full-time students the placement should also be full-time.
20.	I am writing to inquire if the Research office can offer some kind of support to identify the SMEs or the Industries for the Arise Enterprise PhD program.
	A: TBC
	Miscellaneous
21.	Could you provide information on how intellectual property (IP) rights are managed in collaborations between the enterprise partners and TU Dublin under the ARISE PhD Scholarship Scheme?
	A: As per the Terms and Conditions on page 12 of the Call Document, <i>The current edition of the TU Dublin Graduate Research Regulations will apply...</i> Intellectual Property arrangements are described in Section 4.7 of the Graduate Research Regulations and point 10 of the Terms and Conditions in the Call Document.
22.	Can you give some guidance on the headings below? Suitability of Research Methodology considering each of the following Equality and Human Rights Principle (max. 100 words) Do No Significant Harm Principle (max. 100 words) Smart Specialisation Strategy (max. 100 words) State Aid Rules (max. 100 words) Public Procurement Policy (max. 100 words)
	A: Details are provided on pages 4 and 5 of the Call Document.
23.	In point 11 of the terms and conditions, referring to supervisor approval of publications, is that condition also relevant to the publication of any granted patents arising from the project?