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For the attention of the President

Institutes of Technology, Universities and Colleges

**PhD Scholarship Announcement
Call for applications for the TUI Ben Bishop PhD Scholarship**

The Teachers' Union of Ireland would be grateful if you could bring the following PhD scholarship information to the attention of academic and research staff and postgraduate students in your institute.

The application process for the *TUI Ben Bishop PhD Scholarship* is now open. The scholarship covers tuition fees and maintenance costs of up to €18,000.00 per year for a total of three years. The scholarship is funded by the Teachers' Union of Ireland. The application process and registration of the successful candidate will be done by the School of Education Trinity College Dublin.

The research focus of the scholarship is; *'The shifting boundaries of academic work in higher education institutes in Ireland'*, with particular reference to the proposals concerning the mergers of Institutes of Technology and/or the establishment of a Technological University. It is expected that the research will provide an international review of similar restructuring in higher education institutes.

Interested candidates should contact Dr. Andrew Loxley (loxleya@tcd.ie), Dr. John Walsh (walshj8@tcd.ie) or access: <http://www.tcd.ie/Education/research/degrees/structured-phd>

The successful candidate will become a registered postgraduate research student in Trinity College Dublin assigned to the newly formed research centre Culture, Academic Values in Education (CAVE).

The Teachers' Union of Ireland considers this scholarship as a strategic investment in high level research which will enhance the depth of knowledge and understanding of academic work within higher education in Ireland and Europe. The union is open to discussing other research initiatives including applications for research projects with interested parties. Enquiries should be sent to Jane O'Sullivan @ josullivan@tui.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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