PhD Bridging Programme

Pathway to PhD education for International Students

Graduate Research School
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What is the PhD Bridging Programme?
The PhD Bridging Programme is a 12 week, intensive programme developed especially for students who need further English language preparation to progress to their PhD programmes. The PhD Bridging Programme is hosted by Technological University Dublin and is available to all international candidates who wish to undertake a PhD at TU Dublin.

Why undertake the PhD Bridging Programme?
- This is your first step toward gaining a PhD in Ireland.
- You are guaranteed entry to your PhD upon successful completion of the PhD Bridging Programme. No further English language test is required.
- It makes the transition to third level education in Ireland much easier.
- It provides a supportive learning environment.
- You will have full access to student facilities and support services.
- Located in Dublin city centre.

What is the Learning & Teaching Style?
- You will be taught by highly qualified and very experienced academics and English language tutors.
- There are ample opportunities for practising English and working in groups.
- The class sizes are small to ensure maximum support and attention from lecturers.
- Learning will involve many different styles of teaching such as lectures, tutorials, workshops, cultural trips and online learning.
- You will learn how to take control of your own learning and will reflect on your learning experience throughout the programme.
What will you study on the PhD Bridging Programme?

You will study the following modules
- English for Academic Writing & Reading
- Communicative Competence in English
- Research Skills

You will learn how to
- Study and research independently
- Communicate effectively with fellow students and lecturing staff
- Write academic essays and reports
- Analyse and synthesise academic texts
- Generate research questions, aims and hypotheses based on literature
- Give researched academic presentations
- Manage your study and leisure time
- Work more effectively using information technology
- Work successfully in groups

How will you be assessed?
You will be assessed regularly throughout the programme through continuous assessment and homework assignments. This is used to monitor your progress throughout the programme. You will also be required to complete a number of final assessments for each of your modules.

Progression
You must pass all modules to progress to the PhD Programme.

Start Dates & Fees
There will be two intakes annually (subject to availability) in June and September. For information on the fees please contact phd@tudublin.ie

Entry Requirements
IELTS requirement is overall 5.0 or equivalent

Why study in Dublin?
- Dublin is Ireland’s capital city with a population of 1.4 million people. It has a young and vibrant population including 50,000 students many of whom are international students.
- Dublin is a diverse and exciting city with lots of activities, events and various cultural experiences. It has also been voted as one of Europe’s friendliest cities.
- Dublin is a mix of city, coastline and countryside and is a very accessible location to all cities within Europe.

Where can you get further information?
Please contact the Graduate Research School at phd@tudublin.ie, if you require further information or would like to apply for the programme.
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Society, Culture and Enterprise

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