



St Patrick's College Maynooth Co. Kildare, Ireland

Scotus Eriugena Research Scholarships 2018

Instructions for Completion of Application Form

This document is **NOT** an application form, but a set of instructions to assist you complete the application form well. If there is need of further clarification, please email admissions@spcm.ie.

Please consult the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship, complete this application form in accordance with the instructions below and verify that you have included the following:

	Yes	No
• Application Form and Supporting Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Statement of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Two Academic references	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Research Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applications should be word-processed—not handwritten—using the Eriugena Scholarship Application Form. The completed application form and the candidate's supporting documentation must be submitted via email as a single PDF document to: admissions@spcm.ie.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications received after the deadline, Thursday 21st May 2018 at 4.00 p.m. G.M.T., will not be considered. Applications sent by fax will not be accepted.

The following instructions and indications refer only to possible areas of interest

0.1 Indicate the Theological Discipline for which you are applying:

- Systematic Theology
- Fundamental Theology / Philosophical Theology
- Moral Theology / Theological Ethics
- Biblical Studies / Sacred Scripture
- Ecclesiastical History
- Liturgical Theology / Pastoral Liturgy
- Other

NOTE

In order to gain deeper insight into the particular research interests and methodologies of the Maynooth Faculty, applicants might consult the Faculty staff pages; see <http://maynoothcollege.ie/staff>

0.2 Proposed Dissertation (Research Area) Title: Max 100 words

Provide an indicative title for the research project you are proposing

0.3 Proposed Dissertation (Research) Director

Indicate which permanent (tenured) member of the Faculty you consider best qualified to direct your research. Note: this is an indication of your preference.

1. Applicant Details

1.1

Name (as on Passport): Ensure that your name is exactly as it appears on your passport

1.3

Contact Numbers: Indicate whether numbers provided are either landline or mobile.

1.8

Do you currently hold or have you previously been granted research funding

Yes

No

If answering yes, please specify:

2. Referee Details

References are sought from two referees. Both referees should know you and be in a position to vouch for your recent academic work.

One reference is to be from a staff member from your home institution or from a full-time member of staff in a Department or Faculty of Theology who is familiar with your work.

The references are to be emailed separately by the respective academic referees.

3. Academic Qualifications

These questions help establish and clarify your academic pathway and are important indicators of your future potential as a doctoral candidate. Indications of your academic foundations and strengths, as well as particular research interests and experience are significant in this section.

4. Research Outline and Previous Funding

4 Brief Research Outline

4.1

Please outline your intended research. As well as presenting your possible research focus, you might outline your reasons for choosing your specific theme (including scholars who have informed your focus), and indicate the contribution of your research.

Max 500 words

5 Ethical Statement

In your view, does the research proposal outlined in this submission require approval by the Faculty Ethics committee?

Yes

No

6 Personal Statement

The personal statement provides an opportunity for the applicant to highlight additional information that has not been provided elsewhere in the application. The topics outlined in following bullet points should be addressed:

- *Why do you wish to pursue a doctoral degree by research?*
- *Why have you proposed this research topic?*
- *Why are you particularly suited for this research area?*
- *Why is the Pontifical University, SPCM particularly suited to your research?*
- *Discuss any additional aspects which you feel will provide a better picture of your capability, including personal skills, motivation, interests etc.*

Max 500 words

7 Declaration

As the awarding of the Eriugena Scholarship brings significant benefits to the awardee, it is essential that the applicant formally commits to the application process.

The Research Proposal

A research proposal forms a key part of the Eriugena application process. The proposal, not exceeding 2,000 words in length, will present the area of research and the candidate's proposed contribution. It will also take care to establish how the project or research topic proposed coheres with the current research interests and competences of the Theology Faculty in Maynooth.

It is to be noted that not all members of Faculty are in a position to accept candidates undertaking a four-year doctoral programme. Specific (and informal) enquiries may be addressed to the Admissions Officer (admissions@spcm.ie).

Please take care to **attach** your research proposal to the application form.