



## DkIT Landscape Postgraduate Scholarship 2020

### Cartography and the landed estates of North County Louth

#### Fully funded Three Year PhD Studentship Support for higher education landscape reforms

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is one of the leading research intensive Institutes of Technology with over €55M in research funding having been secured by the Institute within its prioritised research areas from both national and international sources. DkIT carries out translational research across ICT, Health, Ageing, Energy, Environment and Creative Arts domains with an emphasis on excellence and impact. One of the strategic goals of the institute is to further enhance its research performance with a particular emphasis on growing the number of registered postgraduate research students within the Institute. Dundalk Institute of Technology recently secured significant funding from the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and the Department of Education and Skills, through the “Support for higher education landscape reforms” 2019 funding call, with an emphasis on enhancing postgraduate research provision and growing its number of postgraduate researchers at level 10, within the Midlands, East and North Dublin (MEND) cluster region. At present there are in excess of 80 PhD researchers now carrying out translational research within DkIT with a strategic aim to grow this number, over the coming two to three years, with a target of 110 postgraduate researchers.

To this end applications are now invited for a **fully funded three year PhD Studentship** at Dundalk Institute of Technology which will be supported through the secured HEA Landscape funding. The successful applicant will be registered as full time postgraduate research student in the DCU-DkIT Graduate School. The PhD position will be located on the DkIT campus and the PhD Degree will be awarded by Dublin City University.

#### Funding

The successful candidate shall receive a postgraduate stipend of €16,000 per annum, plus fees and a contribution to their direct research project costs. The duration of this PhD studentship is 3 years. Terms and conditions will apply.

#### Application process

Please send a copy of your CV **and** a cover letter to [aideen.gaynor@dkit.ie](mailto:aideen.gaynor@dkit.ie) no later than **4 pm on Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2020**. Please use “**LPHD20**” in the subject title. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. **Please note, due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, it is envisioned that all interviews will be conducted remotely via phone or video conferencing.**

Informal inquiries on this project should be sent to the Project Supervisor listed below. Please note, canvassing will render an applicant ineligible.



<b>Position Reference</b>	<b>LPhD20</b>	
<b>Project title</b>	Cartography and the landed estates of North County Louth	
<b>Project Supervisor</b>	Dr. Annaleigh Margey	
<b>Informal Enquiries</b>	<a href="mailto:annaleigh.margey@dkit.ie">annaleigh.margey@dkit.ie</a>	
<b>Eligibility Criteria:</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Min 2:1 honours degree in History, Archaeology or Historical Geography	
<b>Experience/Knowledge</b>	Demonstrable organisational skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in academic research at undergraduate or postgraduate level</li> <li>• Experience in archival research</li> <li>• Experience in web applications</li> </ul>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This project seeks to explore the cartographic history and cultural landscape of the landed estates of North County Louth. In the aftermath of the successive plantations and wars of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, landownership in Ireland became firmly rooted in the hands of “big” landlords who owned vast estates in multiple locations across Ireland, County Louth, with its proximity to Dublin became a central part of this network of estates with multiple landowners obtaining large pockets of land across the country. These landlords were responsible for urban and rural growth, agricultural development, industrial growth and the ordering of landscape, being encapsulated in maps. Maps became both a product of and tool in estate development, as landlords sought visuals for their estate plans. As a result, estate mapping was at the forefront of cartographic outputs for eighteenth century Ireland with estate maps still being produced into the early nineteenth century. Many estate owners commissioned maps of the lands in County Louth. These maps are extant in the estate paper collections in the Louth County Archive, the National Library of Ireland and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. This project will assess both the extent and scope of the surviving map evidence. It will catalogue the maps before exploring their content to ascertain the evidence of archaeological landscapes, changing cultural landscapes and estate management for the Dundalk and Louth baronies.</p>	