

**Dundalk Institute of Technology invite applications for the following position:
PhD postgraduate Scholarship (Full-time: 36 months)**

Project overview

Title: *The evidence of non- funerary monuments in Ireland. Commemoration as a political, economic and socio-cultural barometer in the 17th century.*

Supervisor: Dr Conor Brady (DkIT) and Dr Annaleigh Margey (DkIT)

Position Reference: 03AHSS2020

Keywords: *Early Modern History/Post-Medieval Archaeology, Memorialisation, Commemoration, Archaeology, Early Modern History*

This project aims to examine the origins of, and rationale for, non-funerary monuments in Ireland from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries, taking account of the political, economic, religious and social contexts of production.

Studies of memorialization and commemoration in Irish history have increased significantly over the last two decades. The anniversary of key events, such as the 1916 Rising, coupled with increased public interest in memorials in the Irish landscape, have given rise to an increase in historiography in the area. In Ireland, however, few of these studies have explored early modern monuments. Those that have been completed have tended to examine funerary monuments, which were often highly decorative features of churches across the country. Yet, non-funerary monuments became distinct elements of Ireland's early modern built heritage. In the main, these monuments marked infrastructural development, recognising church building and industry development, for example. Many of these monuments are extant in the landscape, often repurposed into more modern buildings, but offering a tangible link to the social and economic world of their early modern creation.

This project aims to examine the origins of, and rationale for, non-funerary monuments in Ireland from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries, taking account of the political, economic, religious and social contexts of production. Beginning with the identification, cataloguing and describing of both extant and non-extant non-funerary monuments in Ireland, the project aims to capture 3D renderings of extant monuments within the landscape using photogrammetry. This will lead to the development of a database for these monuments, enabling an in-depth analysis in which their contexts, content and repurposing in later centuries is examined, using archives, antiquarian journals and other extant sources

Dundalk Institute of Technology

Dundalk Institute of Technology is a dynamic, world class Institute that has developed an international reputation in both basic and applied research through its Research Centres. This PhD Scholarship is offered through the Humanities Research Group, within the School of Business and Humanities at DkIT. The successful applicant will be registered as a full time postgraduate research student in the DCU-DKIT Graduate School. The PhD position will be located on the DkIT campus and the Degree will be awarded by Dublin City University.

Funding

This project is co-funded by the HEA Technological Universities Transformation Fund and DkIT.

The successful candidate shall receive a postgraduate stipend of €16,000 per annum, plus fees and a contribution to their direct research project costs up to a maximum of €2,000 per annum. The duration of this PhD studentship is 36 months. Terms and conditions will apply.

Eligibility

Eligibility Criteria:	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	2:1 Honours Degree (or equivalent) in archaeology or history	Experience of academic research at undergraduate/postgraduate level. Database construction and management. Experience of creation/management of digital objects. Experience of archival research. Demonstrable organisational skills
Experience/knowledge		Participation in an academic research project.

It is also a requirement that any applicant whose first language is other than English must have a certified English language proficiency of at least IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.

Application process

Please send a copy of your CV and a 1-page cover letter to orla.lynch@dkit.ie no later than **4.00 pm on Wednesday 20th Oct 2021**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Please use the position reference **"03AHSS2020"** in the subject title.

Short listed candidates will be invited to interview.

Informal inquiries should be sent to; conor.brady@dkit.ie

Please note, canvassing will render an applicant ineligible.