St. Michael’s House PhD Scholarship Programme 2023 Application Form

**Instructions to the Candidate**

1. **Please complete this application form and return to research@smh.ie by 30th May 2023.**
2. **Ensure that your academic supervisor forwards a letter of support to research@smh.ie by 30th May 2023.** 
   1. *It is a condition of the Scholarship that a primary supervisor has agreed to supervise the proposed research project in advance of applying for the scholarship.*
   2. *Prior to creating an application, you must contact and discuss your research project with your proposed supervisor(s).*
3. Two references will be required. References (independent of proposed supervisor) should indicate your academic suitability and potential to undertake postgraduate research. Each of your referees should submit to research@smh.ie by 30th May 2023.
4. Please attach transcripts of all degrees listed.

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| **APPLICANT DETAILS** |  |
| **Name :** |  |
| **Date of Birth:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Postal Address for correspondence** |  |
| **Telephone Number** |  |

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| **DETAILS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE** |  |
| **Name of HEI** |  |
| **Department** |  |

**Academic supervisor details**

Name:

Higher education institution:

**Please ask referees to submit a reference indicating your academic suitability and potential to complete research to Caroline Howorth, Director of Research, St. Michael’s House. The references should be marked for Caroline’s attention via the email address:** [**research@smh.ie**](mailto:research@smh.ie)

**Referee 1:**

Organisation or institution:

Title, First name, Last Name:

Email:

Position:

# Referee 2:

Email:

Title, First name, Last Name:

Organisation or institution:

Position:

**Applicant’s Education History**

# Bachelor's degree (or equivalent):

Institution:

Graduation date: dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

# Master's degree (if applicable):

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| Type: | |
| Taught |  |
| Research |  |

Institution:

Qualification type and name:

Graduation date: dd/mm/yyyy

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| Final grade or grade point average |

**Details of other relevant education :**

*Max 300 words*

**Details of Research experience, publications and other relevant information:**

*Max 300 words*

**Details of other awards/distinctions**

*Max 300 words*

**Details of relevant Work experience:**

*Max 300 words*

**Personal statement**

Please write a statement outlining your suitability and reason to apply for the Scholarship

* Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research?
* Why have you proposed this research topic?
* Why are you particularly suited to this research field?
* What are your career goals and how would this scholarship help you to achieve them?

**Proposed research**

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| Will you be a new entrant to the degree for which you are seeking scholarship funding? | |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

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| *If no:* What date did you first register for this degree? |
| dd/mm/yyyy |

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| *If no:* Please indicate the duration of scholarship for which you are applying in order to complete the degree type specified above: | |
| 12 months |  |
| 24 months |  |
| 36 months |  |

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| *If no:* Please indicate the progress of your research to date, i.e. what has been done and what still needs to be done. Please also indicate whether or not you have been confirmed on the PhD register at your higher education institution: |
| *Max 500 words* |

**Description of Proposed Research.**

Title:

1. Please provide a lay abstract for your proposed research, which will be used to inform a non- expert audience:

2. Please outline how this project will contribute to the knowledge base in your chosen topic

*Max 300 words*

Please provide details of your proposed research to include.

(a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project,

(b) a brief summary of existing literature

(c) how the project will contribute to existing knowledge and understanding of disability services.

(d) how the proposed research aligns with the focus of the scholarship

*Max 500 words*

Please detail the research design and methodologies to be employed in your project.

*Max 500 words*

Please outline your plans for the dissemination and knowledge exchange of your research, including publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports and outreach activities. Details should also be provided as to how the impact of your research will be measured:

*Max 500 words*

*The sponsor would require to be named in all dissemination and knowledge exchange opportunities.*

Please outline **your** reasons for choosing your proposed (a) academic supervisor(s) and (b) higher education institution making particular reference to how the chosen supervisor and institution

* can support the acquiring of methods and knowledge necessary to completing the proposed project
* can provide any facilities and infrastructures or other supports relevant to completing the proposed project

*Max 400 words*

**Applicant Statement**

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| I hereby declare that I have read and accept the applicant requirements as set out in the Terms and Conditions and Guide for Applicants on the St. Michael’s House Website. | |
| I agree |  |

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| I confirm that the information supplied in this application is correct and recognise that should it become apparent that any of the information provided is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible: | |
| I agree |  |

Signature