

Invitation for Expressions of Interest in PhD Studentships

Deadline for expressions of interest: 11 December 2023

Start date: Preferably January 2024

Background

Professor Mary Gilmartin has recently received external funding for a four-year research project (**MobiliseCare**). The research project will be based at Maynooth University, Ireland. Its overall aim is to develop a new conceptualisation of migration based on how individuals, communities and organisations engage in and practice acts of care towards and with migrants.

We are now seeking to recruit PhD students to join the research team. There are two PhD projects:

- **PhD Project 1:** Investigating the relationship between migration and care in Ireland, using a spatial ethnography methodology. This project will identify a small number of areas in Ireland for detailed study of how local places respond to recent migration and migrants, with a particular focus on how care work is understood and practiced in place.
- **PhD Project 2:** Investigating the national and transnational care work of two organisations based in Ireland. This project will seek to illuminate how organisations develop, maintain and rationalise care work as part of their overall activities.

The successful applicants will be enrolled in the **Structured PhD programme** in the **Department of Geography** and work under the primary supervision of **Professor Mary Gilmartin** (Department of Geography and Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute). They will receive an annual stipend of €19,000 plus tuition fees (for up to 4 years), together with equipment and additional research and travel expenses, and will be provided with a workspace.

Requirements

Applicants should satisfy the following criteria:

Essential

- A first class or upper second-class undergraduate degree in geography or in a cognate discipline (for example, but not limited to, anthropology, law, political science, sociology)
- A Masters degree in geography or in a cognate discipline
- Ability to communicate well in both written and spoken English

- Ability to work effectively and well as part of a research team

Desirable

- Training and/or expertise in qualitative and quantitative methodologies
- Demonstrated interest in/knowledge of migration
- Experience of presenting and publishing research
- Willingness to undertake fieldwork in and beyond Ireland
- Strong organisational skills

How to Apply

If you wish to be considered for a PhD position, please submit the following materials by email to mary.gilmartin@mu.ie by **midnight on Monday 11 December 2023**.

- Cover letter (maximum 2 pages) which outlines why you are interested in this position, and your relevant achievements and experience. The letter should indicate which of the two PhD projects you are most interested in.
- CV, which includes the names and contact details of two academic referees.
- Writing sample (e.g. section of research dissertation)
- Please use the subject header “MobiliseCare PhD”.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Further information

If you would like to learn more, please check out the following websites.

- Maynooth University Department of Geography: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/geography>
- Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/social-sciences-institute>
- Maynooth University: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/>

You may also email Professor Mary Gilmartin for an informal discussion: mary.gilmartin@mu.ie