

## **TU RISE PhD Scholarship**

### **Project Title: KinShip**

Munster Technical University, Faculty of Creative and Performing Arts and Media, Crawford College of Art and Design, Dept of Fine Art and Contemporary Applied Art

### **About the Project**

We invite applications for a fully funded 4-year PhD project as a full-time programme of study. This PhD Scholarship is funded by MTU supported by TU RISE funding.

This creative Art/Science research inquiry sits at the intersection of biodiversity, habitat conservation, and the circular economy. The Scholarship will support an emergent process-lead investigation of the complex ecological and habitual waste management problematics presented by Tramore Valley Park, a remediated landfill site in Cork city. The research will sit in the Art and Science domain. This domain encompasses a wide range of practices, projects, and research that integrate artistic inquiry with scientific inquiry, aiming to explore and address complex questions through a blend of perspectives.

The PhD research project asks how can integrating principles of the circular economy into habitat conservation strategies, enhance biodiversity by problem redefining and utilising 'waste' as a resource? This call out welcomes research proposals that expand on and develop these topics.

The PhD Scholarship is offered in close collaboration with [The KinShip project](#). The KinShip project is a long term public art project led by artist collaboration LennonTaylor (Dr Marilyn Lennon MTU and Dr Sean Taylor) in partnership with Cork City Council, developing a variety of socially engaged cultural initiatives at Tramore Valley Park since 2022.

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must have achieved at least a second-class higher level (2H1) classification or equivalent in an appropriate discipline area relevant to the research field from a recognised degree awarding body OR possess a Master's Degree in an appropriate discipline area relevant to the research field from a recognised degree awarding body.

The successful candidate will focus on co-producing and enacting qualitative and quantitative research and interdisciplinary methodologies. They should be self-motivated with a capacity to work through analytical and critical lenses. Practice based methodologies are encouraged, through creative research outputs that can include exhibitions, journal articles, documentary film, artefacts, public workshops, and presentations.

Importantly, a successful candidate should be able to demonstrate a track record of creative enquiry or related practices, and illustrate an aptitude for working across disciplines and/or collaboratively.

For applicants whose first language is not English, the English language requirements accepted by MTU for entry into postgraduate studies are:

- IELTS Academic 6.0 (No less than a 5.5 in any one band)
- PTE Academic 51 (Minimum 45 in each component)
- TOEFL IBT 80 min (score of 18 in each component)
- Duolingo score Min of 100

Please refer to: <https://www.mtu.ie/international/eu-applicants/>

### **General terms and conditions of this PhD scholarship award**

**Start date & location:** This PhD starts no later than **1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025**. The student will be based primarily at the Crawford College of Art and Design, Sharman Crawford Street - Cork city T12 XK25. The student will be registered at MTU, an arts-rich technological university, working under the supervision of Dr Marilyn Lennon MTU, in association with Dr Áine Phillips Adjunct Faculty MTU, and a panel of advisors including Environmental Researchers from the Clean Technology Centre, MTU. The PhD Scholar is required to spend **at least 12 weeks on placement with an enterprise partner** within the four-year term of their doctoral programme. The project supervisor/PI (in conjunction with the PhD scholar) is responsible for arranging the student placement with a suitable enterprise partner.

**Funding:** The scholarship funding is tax free and includes payment of University PhD fees (EU or non-EU) and a student stipend at a flat rate of €25,000 per annum which is tenable for 4 years.

### **To Apply:**

Please send a **single PDF file** by Nov11th 2024 consisting of the following to [crawford.turise@mtu.ie](mailto:crawford.turise@mtu.ie) with '**TU RISE PhD KinShip Application**' in the subject heading:

1. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV), including:
  - Education History
  - Relevant skills
  - Research projects/publications/exhibitions
2. A cover letter (2-pages max) including a description of the applicant's research interests, reasons for applying for the position. The Cover letter must clearly indicate how the applicant's profile and skills fit the requirements of this PhD position and how they might expand on or develop the research topics.
3. Scanned copies of relevant academic transcripts and English language certificates.
4. A minimum of two recommendation letters and/or contact information for referees.

**NOTE. A shortlist of applicants will be invited to submit a digital portfolio to support discussion at an online interview.**

**Further information or queries please e-mail** [crawford.turise@mtu.ie](mailto:crawford.turise@mtu.ie)

**Closing date for applications:** 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

**Interviews** (on-line) anticipated to be held mid-November 2024

**PhD commencement date** latest by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

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