

Annex 1: Terms and Conditions for Doctoral Scholarships

- Funding is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency ("the Agency") to the Grantee. The term 'Grantee' is defined as the third level institute which will host the student. Where the Agency commences funding a project, it undertakes to continue to provide funding in accordance with the proposed schedule of funding set out in the Memorandum of Agreement, subject to the following exceptions:
- If the Agency is dissatisfied with the performance of the student, it may at its absolute discretion decline to continue funding the project;
- If the money which the Agency receives from the State to enable it to provide funding to projects (including this project) is discontinued or reduced, the Agency may cease funding the project; and in particular, if it is so reduced, the Agency may elect not to continue funding this project, even if it continues to fund other projects.
- The student and/or the academic supervisor will notify the Agency immediately should any significant changes occur with respect to the research project.
- Should the doctoral scholarship be terminated under any circumstances, all unspent money at the date of the termination should be reimbursed to the Agency justified by a Final Cost Statement.
- The maximum grant award will be €75,000 (i.e. €25,000 per annum) for non-laboratory based projects and €90,000 (i.e. €30,000 per annum) for laboratory based projects providing an extra €5,000 per annum towards the costs of laboratory consumables. The application under the heading: laboratory-based projects will need to be strongly supported in the application form by a clear justification of the intensity and necessity of the proposed laboratory work during the project. The ERTDI Programme shall be the sole source of funding for the project.
- The scholarship grant comprises a student stipend (€12,500-€17,750 per annum), fees and an annual contribution towards consumables and travel and subsistence. Durable Equipment other than computer equipment (on a three year-depreciation basis) is not eligible under the ERTDI scholarship scheme - Scholarships will be awarded on the understanding that the third level institute has made arrangements for adequate facilities to be available for the research proposed. Overheads will not be funded by the Agency as part of the Ph.D. scholarship awards.
- Scholarships are for a maximum duration of 3 years. Where required, all doctoral scholarships grant awarded from 2005 onwards will include a budget for payment of Year 4 fees. You will be required to officially request in writing additional funding for the amount of the Year 4 fees during the third year of the scholarship. This should be supported by relevant justification from the third level institute.
- Scholarships should begin within the in the same calendar year as the award.
- Holders of the scholarship will be expected to spend the majority of their time on research. It will be acceptable for the student to undertake

demonstration work which is relevant to the research areas and which does not exceed six hours a week. Students may take annual leave on terms laid down by the host institution.

- The academic supervisor must certify that the work is progressing as expected and that the work is academically acceptable. Supervisors will be required to provide the Agency with a Technical Progress Report as well as an annual Cost Statement by the 1st October of each year using the templates available from the ERTDI Section. Participation/Attendance at the ERTDI Doctoral Scholarship Seminar is required during the duration of the project. These seminars are organised by the Agency every year (usually in September/October).
- Payments will be made annually by the Agency ERTDI programme to those third level institutes where scholarship awards have been made following the submission of satisfactory financial and technical progress reports referred to above.
- Students are expected to publish the results of their research in appropriate peer reviewed journals. EPA and Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government support should be acknowledged in the publication of any results and reference should be made to funding provided by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006. Details of the correct use of NDP logo and notations are available from the Agency on request. Reference must be made to the support given to the project from the ERTDI programme in any publications arising from the project. Electronic copies of publications should be provided to the Agency.
- Doctoral students are required to achieve a level of statistical expertise in experimental methods appropriate to a Ph.D. It is the responsibility, therefore, of the academic supervisor that students attend and pass such statistical courses as are available to them.
- The host institution is expected to ensure that the academic supervisor is in a position to provide high quality supervision for the duration of the scholarship.
- Authorisation for any deviation to the agreed work programme or the terms and conditions must be sought from the Agency in writing.
- On completion of the scholarship (i.e. award of the PhD degree), a hard-bound copy of the thesis as well as an electronic copy of the abstract should be sent to the Agency.