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**GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND POSTGRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2019**

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS GROWING UP IN IRELAND
POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

THEME INFORMATION



**An Roinn Leanaí
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Department of Children
and Youth Affairs

1. BACKGROUND

In partnership with the Irish Research Council, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) invites applications for a Department of Children and Youth Affairs Growing Up in Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, hereinafter referred to as a DCYA Growing Up in Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship. Please note that applicants to this theme may only apply for a traditional or structured doctoral degree.

While applicants may apply for one scholarship theme only, those who choose to apply for a strategic funding partner scholarship will also be considered for a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship.

2. WHAT IS GROWING UP IN IRELAND?

Growing Up in Ireland is the national longitudinal study of children. This study examines the factors which contribute to or undermine the well-being of children in contemporary Irish families.

Growing Up in Ireland data contribute to the setting of effective and responsive policies relating to children and to the design of services for children and their families.

Growing Up in Ireland is funded and overseen by the DCYA in association with the Central Statistics Office. A part funding contribution towards phase 2 of the study was also made by the Atlantic Philanthropies.

3. WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF GROWING UP IN IRELAND?

- *Growing Up in Ireland* includes two cohorts: an infant cohort (recruited at 9 months) and a child cohort (recruited at 9 years).
- *Growing Up in Ireland* includes five waves of data collection: three with the infant cohort (at 9 months, 3 years and 5 years) and two with the child cohort (at 9 years and 13 years). Further collections are planned or underway for the infant cohort (at age 9 years) and for the child cohort (at age 17 years and 20 years).
- *Growing Up in Ireland* collects data from multiple informants including parents (both resident and non-resident), teachers, principals, childcare providers and children themselves.
- *Growing Up in Ireland* provides access to data to support applied and academic research.

4. HOW CAN THE DATA BE ACCESSED?

Two types of *Growing Up in Ireland* data files can be accessed:

- The Anonymised Microdata File (AMF) is a publicly available anonymised dataset. Researchers wishing to access the AMF should apply to the Irish Social Science Data Archive at www.ucd.ie/issda.
- The Researcher Microdata File (RMF) is a more detailed dataset. Access to the RMF is subject to appointment of the researcher as an Officer of Statistics by the Central Statistics Office, meaning that the researcher is subject to the full rigour and penalties of the Statistics Act, 1993. Researchers wishing to access the RMF should apply to the DCYA at www.dcy.gov.ie.

5. DCYA GROWING UP IN IRELAND POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

A substantive part of the applicant's proposed doctoral research must be based on an analysis of data from *Growing Up in Ireland*, and the research must relate directly to [*Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People \(2014–2020\)*](#), specifically its national outcomes for children and young people, which include that they:

- are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental well-being;
- are achieving their full potential in all areas of learning and development;
- are safe and protected from harm;
- have economic security and opportunity;
- are connected, respected and contributing to their world.

Doctoral research (through either a traditional or a structured doctoral degree) based on analysis of data from *Growing Up in Ireland* and relating to one or more of these outcomes will be considered eligible for the DCYA Growing Up in Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship.

Output requirements are as follows:

- one hard copy of the thesis, once complete;
- a suitable briefing note in respect of same.