

Apply to the SPHeRE Programme 2021-2022

The SPHeRE Programme is now accepting applications for the 2021/2022 academic year

The SPHeRE PhD Programme in Population Health and Health-services Research (PHHSR) aspires to cultivate world-class researchers through a four-year structured PhD Programme. The SPHeRE Programme can also be undertaken over a longer time period on a part-time, self-funded basis. The Programme is a joint initiative of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin and University College Cork. We welcome applicants with an interest in carrying out research on population health and/or health services in the Irish context and from a wide range of academic and clinical disciplines, including public health, health psychology, health economics, health policy, general practice, biostatistics, health geography and social science among others.

The full-time 4 year structured PhD Programme features:

- 6 taught modules completed in the first year of the Programme
- Opportunities for multidisciplinary research
- Supervision by internationally renowned Principal Investigators

In addition, SPHeRE HRB funded scholars benefit from:

- 8-week specialist rotation in Irish health related agencies in the first year
- Placement with a prestigious overseas agency to further PhD project development in the second or third years
- Professional skills training allowance
- Travel funds to national training days and international conferences
- Annual stipend of €18,000 plus laptop computer plus PhD fees

This Programme provides excellent training for scholars in core health services and population health research skills.

How to apply?

All applications are submitted online through www.sphereprogramme.ie/apply

Individual applicants are asked to complete an online application form and submit a one-page cover letter and a two-page Curriculum Vitae (including degree grades and contact details for two referees). In your cover letter, please discuss your education, training, and experience (research and/or practice) in population health and health services research (PHHSR) and

provide evidence of leadership (in an academic and/or non-academic capacity). Additionally, you may consider indicating how your prior experience or possible PhD topic are policy relevant and potentially address SPHeRE's twelve Research Priorities (further information available on our website).

Please note that HRB SPHeRE funding is not available for part-time PhDs on the SPHeRE Programme. Self-funded scholars are liable for fees at their host institution and all equipment, data collection & dissemination costs.

Successful non-EU applicants for funded positions will be liable for fees above that for European applicants. Fees vary, but further information on fees can be found on the websites of the individual institutions.

Interviews for SPHeRE Scholarships/Self Funded applicants will take place on the 27th May 2021 in Dublin.

The deadline for direct applications by individuals is **Monday 19th April 2021, 12 noon**. Incomplete applications or late applications will not be considered.

The operation of the SPHeRE Programme is subject to funding by the HRB.