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## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

### **Project Title: Embedded Cultural and Curatorial Research Scholarship with Clare County Council Arts Office**

#### **Short Project Description:**

The development of new gallery spaces including of that of Súil, a contemporary art gallery in Ennis, in which this Postgraduate researcher will be based, carrying out research through reflective curatorial practice. Today, traditional museum and gallery practices have the opportunity to curate, present, commission and platform art work and diverse forms of visual practice, of relevance to the contemporary world. This role will allow for innovative curatorial strategies that strive to create meaningful trans-cultural dialogue between art works and artefacts produced across different contexts and chronologies. Curators must have an adept, informed and flexible response to social and political contexts, knowledge of the diversity of current interdisciplinary practice, and the ability to think innovatively about the challenges of dissemination both inside and outside white cube spaces. In this context, local contemporary art spaces such as Súil are uniquely placed to explore complex questions and experiment with new models and approaches.

The participant will benefit from on-the-job coaching and mentoring in addition to learning about local government, arts venues, participation, and public service through a creative lens.

This embedded research opportunity offers a Postgraduate researcher a structured two-year embedded experience based in Súil Gallery, to develop a specialized curatorial practice in one of more of these strands:

- a) programming contemporary exhibitions
- b) digitizing the County Art Collection
- c) developing a curatorial policy/a programming policy/an educational policy.
- d) developing an Arts Council funded Creative Places Programme in Shannon

#### **Duration of Project: 24 months**

**Funding Agency:** TUS RISE Scholarship with co funding from Clare County Council comprises of a monthly stipend, materials budget and postgraduate fee for the duration of the award only.

#### **Type of Degree Offered: MA**

#### **Minimum Qualifications/Experience Necessary/Any Other Requirements:**

The candidates must have a primary degree in a field related to the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries or a cognate area (Visual Culture, Museum Studies, Curatorial Studies, Art History, Art & Design, Cultural Studies, Sociology, and Media Studies). Experience in curatorial practice is desirable.

This opportunity is open to candidates within and beyond TUS. The location for the research will be based between Clare County Council and LSAD Clare Street.

Minimum classification of *2.1 honours or equivalent*.

IELTS [International English Testing System] Applicants must have a minimum of 6.0 with no component score less than 6.0.

#### **Project Lead Supervisor: Dr Robert Kilroy & Co-Supervisor: Dr Tracy Fahey**



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Closing date for receipt of completed application form is 5pm on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June.  
Interviews will take place within subsequent weeks.

Download TUS RISE application form here:

<https://tus.ie/rdi/research/office/funded-research/>



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