

Veronica Guerin Memorial Scholarship

Deadline for applications: Noon, Monday, 7 April 2009

Independent News and Media and DCU School of Communications have announced the 2009 Veronica Guerin Memorial Bursary at Dublin City University. The bursary is awarded in memory of investigative journalist Veronica Guerin, who was murdered on 26 June 1996, and who served as a member of the governing body of NIHE/DCU from 1982 to 1992.

The bursary award scheme was initiated in 2007. Each bursary is for a sum of €8,500 and is intended to meet the cost of fees and some part of the general expenses of a prospective or present student of the MA in Journalism in Dublin City University who wishes to specialize in investigative journalism.

Applicants must propose by the deadline an outline for their final thesis/major project that is on a topic or in a format relevant to the memory of Veronica Guerin. This might be, for example, a series of five investigative articles or an in-depth radio documentary or an academic study of the practice of investigative journalism.

The panel of assessors, including representatives of DCU School of Communications and of Independent News and Media, will make their selection on the overall quality of applications, taking into account in particular, (a) the rationale and clarity of the proposal; (b) its proposed methodology; (c) the research/ investigation plan, including possible sources; (d) academic and/or professional performance to date; (e) the place of possible publication identified (for proposals in journalism formats). Applications should be no longer than 2,500 words. Applicants may refer to earlier journalism or research they have done that is relevant to their proposal.

Applications are invited from individuals who have worked in some capacity as journalists and who wish to be registered on the Masters in Journalism programme at DCU in the next academic year, 2009/10. (Requirements for entry to that programme are published at <http://www.dcu.ie/communications/index.shtml> - go to postgraduate programmes.)

The successful candidate for the scholarship will have a place reserved for them for entry to the Masters in Journalism in autumn 2009. That place will be confirmed if the applicant demonstrates they have the required qualifications and/ or journalism experience and motivation. If the successful applicant has secured scholarship funding from another source, this may be taken into account in determining the final level of the award.

Applications should be delivered to The Secretary, School of Communications, Dublin City University, Glasnevin, DUBLIN 9 (mary.nulty@dcu.ie) by noon on 7 April 2009. The application should include: 1. a curriculum vitae; 2. a statement of motivation and suitability for the scholarship (max. 300 words); 3. an outline of the investigative project to be undertaken as part of the Masters in Journalism studies (max 1000 words).