
**DCU Business School
PhD Opportunities**

Regulation of the Accounting Profession

Applications are invited from individuals interested in studying for a PhD in the area of Accounting.

Project Area/Topic

In common with many professions, the accounting profession since its inception has had the power to self-regulate, a power deemed essential for the categorisation of a profession. In the aftermath of a crisis of faith in the Irish accounting profession in the 1990's, significant changes have been made to the institutional arrangements governing the regulation of professional accounting bodies operating in Ireland. Since organisations are resistant to change, an understanding of how the professional accounting bodies reacted to these changes and the impact of such changes on them, their members and users of their services is needed. A mixed methods research design would suit this project.

Entry Requirements

To be accepted to the PhD programme, applicants must hold a Masters degree by research from a recognised university. Applicants who do not hold a Masters by research (i.e. those with a taught Masters) may be considered for the PhD-track programme. If progress is satisfactory after the first year – judged by work in progress and an oral examination – the scholar may then transfer to the PhD programme.

Application Procedures

Applicants should submit their CV and a research proposal (approx. 3,500 words) by email to: Ms. Rachel Keegan at rachel.keegan@dcu.ie

Guidelines on how to structure a proposal can be found at:
http://www.dcu.ie/dcubs/research_proposal_guidelines.pdf

Informal enquiries about this project may be made to Dr Mary Canning at mary.canning@dcu.ie.