

Graduate Studies Committee

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As a member of the committee, I will advocate for the rights of PhD students. More specifically, in conjunction with the PCAU (PhDs Collective Action Union), I will be advocating for reform consistent with the Fair Postgraduate Researcher Agreement (FRA, <https://tinyurl.com/mry3v246>).

The current funding arrangement for PhDs is unsustainable and is not only having negative effects on the welfare of PhD researchers but is also steadily eroding the quality of education and research that TCD can provide. PhDs living on less than minimum wage is untenable, and they require the same employment rights afforded to every other working sphere of Irish society to attract top talent and keep the sector viable.

Therefore, I ask the postgraduate community of TCD to support my nomination to the Graduate Studies Committee so that we can work together to create a better present and future for our college community.