



Scholarship for Irish Studies

ABEI/Haddad Fellowship 2025–2026

MPhil at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, Ireland

Registration period: 4 November 2024 to 17 January 2025

ELIGIBLE COURSES (1 year full-time):

- [Literary Translation](#)
- [Irish Writing](#)
- [Children's Literature](#)
- [Screen Studies](#)
- [Modern Irish History](#)
- [International History](#)
- [Digital Humanities and Culture](#)
- [Applied Intercultural Communications](#)

The Haddad Foundation and the Brazilian Association of Irish Studies (ABEI) will award one scholarship for a Brazilian student wishing to pursue one of the above postgraduate courses and willing to promote and develop Irish Studies in Brazil. Applicants will be assessed according to their academic merit and their potential to contribute to the scholarship programme and its aims.

THE AWARD

The Fellowship covers one year's worth of international tuition fee (2025–2026) plus €17,400 to be paid as a monthly stipend. The winner should be aware that the stipend will be paid from October 2025 to September 2026, if the relevant forms are correctly filled out by September 2025. If the forms are not complete by the end of September 2025, Trinity College Dublin may have to postpone the disbursement of the scholarship.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

For the 2025–2026 cycle, three potential winners will be selected prior to their application to Trinity College Dublin (TCD). Therefore, candidates *are not required* to apply for their chosen course until they have received an answer from the ABEI and the Haddad Foundation, and only the potential winners will have to apply to TCD.

When registration closes on 17 January 2025 application documents will be pre-selected. After that, interviews will be conducted and only three applicants will be selected as potential winners. They will be individually contacted in February.

These applicants will be ranked 1–3 and they will apply for their courses through the TCD website, allowing enough time for the admissions committees to reach a decision. On 2 June 2025, the admission status of the candidates will be checked. If the first-place candidate receives and accepts an offer of admission from TCD, they will be awarded the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship 2025–2026. If the first candidate is denied an offer of admission, the scholarship will be awarded to the second candidate, or to the third candidate in case the second one also fails to receive an offer of admission. If none of the three candidates receives an offer of admission from TCD, the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship 2025–2026 will not be awarded.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND OBLIGATIONS

- All academic work (written or oral presentations) produced as a result of this scholarship at TCD should acknowledge the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship.
- The aim of the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship is to further Irish studies and to develop research and activities related to the chosen areas of specialization **in Brazil**. Full engagement of the selected candidate is expected at the end of the programme for that matter.
- Since all the courses covered by this scholarship are taught in person, the selected candidate must be able to move to Ireland for the duration of their chosen course.
- The selected candidate is expected to return to Brazil after course completion.
- The selected candidate must present a report after the first six months of study, and another report upon course completion, detailing the results of their dissertation.
- Once graduated, the researcher is expected to collaborate as an active member of the ABEI, taking part in events promoted by the association and otherwise complying with the plan of activities that the candidate themselves brings forth in their Personal Statement (see “Required Documents” section).
- Obligations will be in force for two years after the completion of the MPhil programme.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- At the time of registration, the student must have completed their undergraduate degree.
- PhD students or holders of a PhD degree are **not eligible** for this scholarship programme.
- Candidates who are regularly enrolled in a postgraduate course or possessing a postgraduate degree (except PhD) are eligible for this scholarship programme.
- Brazilian nationals who hold dual European citizenship are **not eligible** for this scholarship programme, thus encouraging graduates to return to Brazil after course completion.
- Candidates must be residing in Brazil at the time of registration.
- Candidates must demonstrate an overall grade of at least 7.1 in their BA degree.
- The student must not be taking part in an exchange programme.
- The student must be (or become) a member of the ABEI and be up to date with the membership fee. Check the [ABEI website](#).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please follow scrupulously the word limit. Letters and papers which exceed the limit may be deemed ineligible and result in disqualification.

- Registration form. Available online on haddadfellowship.com.
- Academic CV (students must present their Lattes CV).
- A copy of the candidate's **original** transcripts. If the candidate's overall grade is not shown, a document showing their overall grade must also be presented.
- Letter of interest in English (1000–1500 words). Candidates must explain why they chose the course, their academic interests, and how their research project or the ongoing study programme will benefit, apart from **demonstrating their commitment to Irish Studies**.
- Abstract of the proposal in English (up to 500 words). The candidate must briefly explain the preliminary project they intend to conduct at Trinity College Dublin.
- Personal statement in English (up to 500 words). The candidate must demonstrate convincingly their commitment to the scholarship programme and explain how they intend to contribute to the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship by presenting a plan of activities that signals, for instance, their willingness to participate in events, to collaborate with translations, publications, etc. The objective is to strengthen Irish Studies in Brazil and candidates must demonstrate they are willing to pursue this goal.
- A recent academic paper written in English (up to 3000 words). The academic paper must have been written by the candidate, and it will only be used to assess the candidate's command of English language and academic skills. You may write a fresh paper or present a paper written originally for another course. The academic paper **must not** be translated by anyone other than the candidate.
- A copy of the student's passport, which must be valid at least until the end of the exchange programme.
- Two reference letters written in English sent to haddadfellowship@gmail.com. N.B.: referees (and **not candidates**) must email reference letters.
- An English proficiency certificate. Any certificate which is valid according to the standards set by Trinity College Dublin will be deemed valid by the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship committee. **N.B.: Candidates must read carefully the official instructions on the TCD website and the relevant page of the chosen course to know what the specific requirements are and contact TCD if they have enquiries on that matter. If the English certificate you present is not valid for TCD, we may not be able to consider your scholarship application. Bear in mind that certificates are only valid for two years.** Useful links can be found [on our website](#).

SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTS

Send your documents electronically to the Haddad Fellowship. The subject line of your email must read: ABEI/HADDAD Fellowship + Full name.

Send your documents in PDF format to haddadfellowship@gmail.com.

CONTACT US

Send your queries to haddadfellowship@gmail.com. Further information can be found on haddadfellowship.com. Should you require information which is unrelated to the scholarship programme, please refer to the relevant department at TCD or write to us so that we can refer you to the relevant department.