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Scholarship for Irish Studies

ABEI/Haddad Fellowship 2027–2028

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

Registration period: 09 November 2026 to 18 January 2027

Eligible MPhil Courses (one year full-time):

- Literary Translation
- Irish Writing
- Comparative Literature
- 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 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 (2027–2028) plus €18,000 to be paid as a monthly stipend. The winners should be aware that the academic year at Trinity officially starts in September but, due to the forms they must complete, the stipend will be paid from October 2027 to September 2028, if said forms are correctly submitted by September 2026. If the forms are not complete by then, Trinity College Dublin may have to postpone the disbursement of the scholarship.

The Selection Process

For the 2027–2028 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 18 January 2027 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.

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. A deadline will be individually recommended. On 21 May 2027, the admission status of the candidates will be checked. If the first-place candidate receives an offer of admission from TCD, they will be awarded the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship 2027–2028. 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 2027–2028 will not be awarded. Please note that, should a candidate be waitlisted, different rules will apply, which will be conveyed individually to the finalists.

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 must send to the Haddad Fellowship a copy of their Irish Residence Permit (IRP) card upon receiving it.
- 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. The student will also have to present a testimonial to Trinity College Dublin until August 31.
- 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 themself 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, candidates must have completed their undergraduate degree and be in possession of their final transcripts.
- PhD students or holders of a PhD degree are **not eligible** for this scholarship programme.
- Candidates who hold a postgraduate degree or are regularly enrolled in a postgraduate course (except PhD) are eligible, but it is their responsibility to avoid conflicts between the course in Brazil and the degree in Ireland, in case they become a winner.
- 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.
- Candidates who register for the scholarship must apply for only one course at Trinity.
- The student must be or become a member of the ABEI and be up to date with the membership fee at the time of registration, and *not* after the selection of finalists. Check the **ABEI website**.

Required documents

Please note that the use of generative AI technology is not allowed in any part of your scholarship application. You must not, for instance, employ any such tools to write or revise your academic paper, letter of interest, abstract of the proposal and/or personal statement.

- Registration form. Available online on **haddadfellowship.com**. You do not have to send the form with your paperwork: we are able to retrieve it after submission.
- Academic CV (students must present their Lattes CV **in Portuguese**).
- A copy of your **original final transcripts**, with all the modules and grades you attained as an undergraduate student. Please do not send certified translations of your transcripts.
- Proof of the candidate's overall grade. The overall grade is sometimes shown on the final transcripts under various names such as "média global", "coeficiente de rendimento", "IRA", etc. If your overall grade is not shown on the final transcripts, please contact your university and they will be able to provide you with a document stating your overall grade.
- 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 the 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, which must be in the field of Irish Studies.
- 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 academic skills in English. You may write a fresh paper or present a paper written originally for another course. The academic paper **must have been written entirely by yourself**.
- A copy of the student's passport, which must be valid at least until the end of 2029.
- One reference letter written in English sent to **haddadfellowship@gmail.com**. The reference must be academic — e.g., by a faculty member who taught you at university — and should be written on headed paper and sent through an institutional email address. N.B.: referees (and **not candidates**) must email reference letters. Please note that, if you are selected a finalist and proceed to your course application, TCD will ask for two reference letters, which are unrelated to the present one. This reference letter should demonstrate why you are a suitable recipient of the ABEI/Haddad Fellowship.
- An English proficiency certificate. Only certificates which are 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 the specific requirements. 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**. Please send your documents separately, i.e., **do not** merge them in a single PDF file.

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.

General provisions

- *All the candidates* will be formally contacted at the end of the process with the outcome of their application. However, bear in mind that we cannot offer detailed individual feedback.
- Candidates must follow scrupulously the rules in this call for applications or other instructions that may be formally given by email. Cases in which candidates fail to comply with these rules will be examined by the Haddad Foundation and the Brazilian Association of Irish Studies and may result in disqualification.