

## Historical Housing Prices in North America: PhD Scholarship



As part of the 2019 Provost's PhD Project Awards, the Department of Economics at Trinity College Dublin invites applications for a Provost's PhD Project Award, starting in September 2019, on the economics of housing markets in the long run.

The successful candidate will receive an annual stipend of €16,000, plus a tuition fee waiver, for each of the four years of the PhD programme, subject to successful confirmation on the PhD programme after 18 months. In return, the awardee will conduct research assistance as required for their supervisor.

### *Topic of Research*

The successful candidate will build on existing work on the topic of long-run housing markets in the US and Canada, undertaken by their supervisor Dr Ronan Lyons and supported by Trinity College Dublin and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Using an innovative combination of modern methods of building housing price indices, and detailed real estate listings in newly digitized newspaper archives, the PhD student will undertake a thesis on the topic of long-run housing markets in North America.

This will contribute to a broader project building and applying new housing price indices for the US and Canada, since 1880. Existing work has found that more accurate trends in housing prices may revise substantively our understanding of changes in the cost and standard of living in North America over the long run, while the granular level of the dataset also allows examination of across- or within-city dynamics. The candidate will be expected to produce economic research suitable for publication in leading peer-reviewed journals. Additionally, the intention is to produce research that is relevant to policymakers.

### *Applications*

Applications are encouraged from all nationalities. Successful candidates will have an excellent background in economic theory and good technical skills as evidenced by their performance on a taught Master's degree programme in Economics or equivalent with a significant component of theory and quantitative methods. All applicants whose first language is not English and who have not been educated through the medium of English must present evidence of English language competency.

The successful applicant will be based in Trinity College Dublin. Founded in 1592, Trinity is consistently ranked first among Irish universities (e.g. QS 2019; THE 2018) and was ranked 104<sup>th</sup> in the World across all indicators in the 2019 QS rankings. Interested applicants are requested to contact Ronan Lyons ([ronan.lyons@tcd.ie](mailto:ronan.lyons@tcd.ie)), for more on the specific project, and to consult the Trinity's Graduate Studies website for questions on admissions or other logistics: [www.tcd.ie/economics/postgraduate/research-degrees](http://www.tcd.ie/economics/postgraduate/research-degrees).