

Postgraduate Scholarship Information Sheet

Scholarship Project Title	G-RISE: Gendered Rural Innovation System Evolution – a longitudinal study
Advert Reference number	SETU_2024_237
Supervisor(s)	Co-supervisors - Dr Leana Reinl & Prof Felicity Kelliher (SETU Waterford) Advisors - Prof Sally Shortall, UNEW & Dr Aine Macken-Walsh, TEAGSC
Research Group	BRIM-RIKON Centre
Department /School/Faculty	Business
Duration	4 Years/48 Months
Status: Full-time / part-time	Full Time
Funding information	SETU 2024 Presidents Scholarship Programme
Value of the scholarship per year for four years	Stipend: €18,500 per annum Fees of €5,750 per annum Research costs: €2,000 per annum
Closing date and time	11 th September 2024
Interview date	Week commencing 21 st October 2024
PhD commencement date	January 2025

Project Key Words: female rural innovator, rural innovation, dynamic capability, Living Lab

Post summary

Support in the development of innovation capabilities is considered pivotal in developing gendered rural innovation systems. The development of such capabilities is often supported by university-led facilitated cooperative learning strategies. Little is known about how female rural innovators transition from facilitated cooperative learning strategies (e.g., a Living Lab) to form and maintain rural innovation systems in their own communities. This longitudinal interpretive research project turns a dynamic innovation capability lens on a gendered rural innovation system in Ireland. The SETU scholar will track rural female innovators' post-lab learning evolution and analyse their G-RISE experience, through intermittent interviews with a number of Living Lab Ireland participants, prolonged observation and subsequent analysis of the G-RISE experience in order to gain an in-depth understanding of; (a) sustainable benefit of the living lab experience, and (b) how the lab's female rural innovators might use their new-found innovation capabilities to help develop gendered rural innovation systems in their respective business communities. A key theoretical contribution is a G-RISE framework, a tool that will offer guidance to rural female innovators and academics, and rural stakeholders and practitioners interested in gendered rural innovation systems. Insights into optimised G-RISE support mechanisms at national level will contribute to rural regional policy development.

Knowledge & Experience

Essential

- An interest in and some knowledge of academic research and what it entails for the researcher.
- Demonstrable knowledge and experience in at least one of the following: rural innovation, female innovation, Living Labs, interpretive method, small business management and/or sociology.

Desirable

- Relevant professional experience in rural communities and/or facilitated cooperative learning environments (e.g., Living Labs or innovation networks).
- Experience and understanding of qualitative methods of data collection.
- A demonstrable competence in academic theory in dynamic capabilities, female innovation, rural innovation.

Skills & Competencies

Essential

- Applicants should hold, as a minimum, a 2.1 Honours degree, or equivalent, in Business or Social Science related areas at undergraduate or professional level.
- Applicants should have demonstrable experience in conducting research at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate on application that they meet [SETU's English language requirements](#) and provide all necessary documentation. See Page 7 of the Code of Practice
- In order to be **shortlisted for interview**, you must meet the SETU English speaking requirements so please provide evidence in your application.
- Aptitude for project planning and management.
- Ability to build rapport with project stakeholders.
- Communication and presentation skills (written and verbal).
- Teamwork and group facilitation skills.
- Self-motivation, time management skills and focus to fulfil the research process.

Desirable

- Applicants should hold or expect to attain a Master's Degree in Business, Social Science or related discipline.
- Applicants who have relevant postgraduate research experience.
- Experience and/or training in qualitative research methods.

Further information

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For queries relating to the application and admission process, please contact the Postgraduate Admissions Office researchadmissions@setu.ie or telephone +353 (0)51 302883.

For queries relating to the funding programme, please email scholarships2024@setu.ie

University Website <https://www.setu.ie/>

Application procedure

Download the Research PhD/MSc Application Form from the SETU website and return the completed application to researchadmissions@setu.ie quoting SETU_2024_237 in the email subject line.

Please note that paper submissions will not be accepted.

The University may decide to interview only those applicants who appear from the information they provided, to be the most suitable in terms of experience, qualifications and other requirements of the post.

The University will short-list and interview those applicants who provide the most suitable information in terms of experience, qualifications and other requirements relevant to the scholarship.

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