

# UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

## EPA STRIVE PhD Studentship in Environmental Sciences (Groundwater Ecology)

Applications are invited for a PhD studentship in Environmental Sciences (Groundwater Ecology), funded by the EPA STRIVE Project W1.3: Distribution, structure and functioning of subterranean fauna within Irish groundwater systems. Candidates should hold a first or upper second class honours degree in Zoology, Ecology, Environmental Sciences or a cognate area. The successful candidate will enrol as of 1 April 2008, on a full-time programme of research studies leading to the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The studentship will comprise fees (at the Home and EU rate only) and an annual stipend of £13,000. It will be awarded for a period of up to three years subject to satisfactory progress and is tenable in the School of Environmental Sciences at the Coleraine Campus [www.ulster.ac.uk/es](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/es)

**The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 10 February 2008.**

**Interviews will be held during late February 2008.**

The successful candidate will undertake pioneering research on Irish groundwater fauna involving field surveys of small crustaceans (amphipoda, ostracoda, copepoda) and analysis of water chemistry. Data analysis will focus on the fauna's biogeography, spatial and temporal heterogeneity and the potential for bioindication.

As this project involves a considerable element of field work, the successful candidate will be expected to hold or be in a position to obtain within 6 months of registration, a full driving licence.

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