



IARC-IRELAND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN CANCER RESEARCH

Further information for applicants

1. ELIGIBILITY

The IARC-Ireland fellowships are intended for junior scientists who are **Irish citizens or non-Irish citizens currently living and working in the Republic of Ireland¹** and who are engaged in research in medical or allied sciences, and wish to pursue a career in cancer research. Applicants must intend to return to the Republic of Ireland upon completion of the Fellowship.

IARC wishes to stimulate research in those areas of cancer research related to its activities and of priority for the Irish Cancer Society (ICS), in particular, in projects with a focus on epidemiology (including genetic and molecular) or on interdisciplinary projects involving epidemiology and applicants can only be accepted in these fields.

It is expected that with widened experience gained from working at the Agency, the Fellows will return to a position in Ireland, able to make an increasing contribution to cancer research. Applicants should provide reasonable assurance that they intend to return to Ireland at the end of the fellowship period and continue working in cancer research, preferably in the field of epidemiology. If possible, a letter of support from the research institution in the Republic of Ireland to which the applicant plans to return should be included with the application.

Candidates are required to finished their doctoral degree (M.D. or Ph.D.) within five years of the closing date for application or be in the final phase of completing their doctoral degree. The working languages at IARC are English and French.

Candidates attached to commercial entities or who have an association with the tobacco industry are not eligible.

Candidates currently working as IARC-funded postdoctoral scientists, or candidates who have worked at the Agency for a period greater than six months, cannot be considered.

¹The Irish Cancer Society has funded IARC in this regard, requesting that IARC conducts training on its behalf as per the priorities defined in IARC's statutes and Medium-Term-Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2010-2014. The purpose of this Fellowship is to build capacity in cancer epidemiology research, including genetic and molecular epidemiology, in the Republic of Ireland. Irish candidates can choose to apply for a fellowship from either the IARC-Ireland Fellowship Programme or the regular IARC Fellowship Programme.)

2. APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made on-line via the Agency's web site: <http://www.iarc.fr>. More information can be obtained from the Fellowship Programme, International Agency for Research on Cancer, 150, cours Albert-Thomas, 69372 Lyon Cedex 08, France (tel.: +33 (0)472 73 84 48, fax: +33 (0)472 73 80 80; e-mail: fel@iarc.fr). Applications must be supported by the Director of the applicant's own institution. The closing date for receipt of applications will be 30 November.

3. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The selection of candidates is made by a Selection Committee composed of scientists of international reputation in the field of cancer research who are not members of the IARC staff, together with scientists working in the IARC. Eligibility of candidates is checked, and candidates remaining after the pre-selection are interviewed by one member of the Selection Committee, usually during February or March. The Selection Committee meets at the Agency in March/April and reviews and ranks all applications. Provided that applications reach the required high standard, the number of awards is determined by the available funds.

Successful applicants will be notified before 30 April and will be sent in detail all the conditions of the fellowship and the amount of their stipend and allowances.

4. TENURE

The fellowships are tenable in a research Group at the Agency in Lyon, France. They are awarded for a period of two years, the second year being subject to satisfactory appraisal, with the subsequent opportunity to apply for a "Return Grant" provided by the Irish Cancer Society to return to a position in the Republic of Ireland with a salary for one year. Fellowships must be taken up by **30 November** of the year of award. Applicants are encouraged to contact the host Group(s) of their choice at IARC **before application** in order to interact closely to establish a proposed research project of mutual interest. Details regarding the IARC's research programmes are available on the Agency's web site: <http://www.iarc.fr>, through which contact can be made with the Group Heads. No IARC-Ireland Fellow will be eligible to be employed at the IARC for a period of three years following completion of the initial training period.

5. REPORTS

The Fellow will be required to submit a progress report to the Irish Cancer Society at the time of renewal and a final report to the Irish Cancer Society and IARC at the end of the fellowship period at IARC. The supervisor will also be asked to submit a confidential report on the fellowship. Fellows are required to give due acknowledgement to IARC and to the Irish Cancer Society in any publication or presentation reporting work done during the award period.

6. STIPENDS

The annual stipend is currently 33 000 Euros (net) and will be paid monthly in advance. Stipends are not considered as a substitute for any salary paid to a Fellow at home.

7. RETURN GRANT

Fellows who successfully complete two years of training at IARC will be eligible to apply for a independent “Return Grant” provided and managed by the Irish Cancer Society, to return to a position in the Republic of Ireland with a salary for one year in line with the existing Irish Cancer Society fellowship awards.

8. TRAVEL ALLOWANCES & HEALTH INSURANCE

Travel allowance up to a maximum of a tourist (economy class) return fare will be provided for the Fellow. Normally air and/or rail tickets will be provided by the IARC. Fellows will be responsible for meeting passport, immigration and vaccination requirements. The IARC can assist only to the extent of providing letters as evidence of appointment and financial support. The cost of health insurance cover for the Fellow and agreed accompanying dependants will also be reimbursed up to the ceiling rates applied by IARC.

9. DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCES

The IARC may provide travel for one dependent who accompanies the Fellow for a period of at least 8 months, under the same conditions as those for the Fellow, or reimburse travel for the Fellow and dependents accompanying for at least 8 months, up to a maximum of 2 full economy class adult return air fares; family allowances are paid: for a dependent spouse 310 Euros and for each dependent child 350 Euros annually.

Any matters of detail not expressly provided for above will be dealt with, as appropriate, in accordance with the fellowship regulations and travel rules of the IARC.

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