



Cancer Prevention Fellowship Programme 2019

The Health Research Board is pleased to announce a call for applications for individuals working in the **Republic of Ireland** to apply to become an NCI Cancer Prevention Fellow, under the auspices of the Ireland-Northern Ireland – NCI Cancer Consortium. It is intended that individuals applying from the Republic of Ireland (RoI) will pursue careers in cancer prevention in the RoI upon completion of the fellowship. Applications are due on 25 August 2018 for entry into the Programme the following June 2019.

The prestigious National Cancer Institute Cancer Prevention Fellowship Programme provides training for mid-career researchers at post-doctorate level from the health professions, biomedical, and behavioural sciences to become leaders in the field of cancer prevention and control. The programme provides support for MPH training in RoI (year 1), attendance at the NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention and Control and mentored research at the NCI (years 2–4). If an applicant already possesses an MPH degree and a primary degree in a health-related discipline, or a PhD in epidemiology or biostatistics, the fellowship will typically begin directly at the NCI (years 1–3). Successful applicants from RoI are also provided with the opportunity to apply for a fifth year of funding to facilitate their return to RoI to progress their independent research career.

What will I get out of the programme?

- Masters of public health (M.P.H) degree
- Participation in the NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention
- Mentored research opportunities at the NCI
- Professional development and leadership training
- Funding to enable you to return to Ireland and progress your research career

What areas of cancer prevention research are available?

- Clinical cancer prevention research (clinical prevention trials, screening and early detection trials, biomarker development)
- Development and research-related review of drugs, biologics, or medical devices
- Effectiveness and Outcomes Research
- Epidemiology (clinical, environmental, genetic, molecular, nutritional)
- Evidence-based decision making (theoretical and practical studies)
- Laboratory-based research (molecular biology, genetics, nutritional science, chemoprevention)

- Social and behavioural research (tobacco, health disparities and special populations, diet and physical activity)
- Statistical methodology (biometry and bioinformatics)

Am I eligible?

To be considered for the CFPF, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. **Doctoral degree**
 - You must possess a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, JD, or equivalent) or expect to complete the degree requirements by the start date of the fellowship, June 2018.
 - Your doctoral degree must be in a related discipline (e.g., epidemiology, biostatistics, clinical services, laboratory, nutritional, or social and behavioural sciences).
 - Foreign education must be comparable to that received in the United States.
2. **Prior postdoctoral experience**
 - You must have less than five years of relevant postdoctoral experience at the time of taking up appointment at NCI, typically June 2020, or June 2019 if you don't need to undertake the MPH.
3. **Citizenship.**
 - Be an Irish citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a citizen of the European Union (EU) currently employed in the RoI. Proof of citizenship (birth certificate or passport) and proof of employment in Ireland is required.

How do I apply?

Applications can be made online at <https://www.icfcreative.com/2018/cfpf/email2.html>

The application website is open until 25 August 2018.

Applicants from the RoI must contact the Health Research Board first to ensure that eligibility criteria are satisfied. Applicants should allow sufficient time to obtain an official tracking number from the HRB and submit their application prior to the 25 August 2018 application deadline

Note - You may access and peruse the NCI online site without a tracking number but applications from Ireland will not be considered if they do not have an official tracking number attached by the application deadline.

To complete and submit your application you will be asked:

1. For a Personal Statement of Research Goals (approximately 1,000 words) and a *Curriculum Vitae*.
2. To request four current and original letters of reference through the secure online website from individuals in the scientific and academic communities who have knowledge of your scientific accomplishments, motivations and skills.
3. To upload your unofficial academic transcripts (including translations where necessary) for all graduate and undergraduate degrees.
4. For a letter assuring that all degree requirements will be completed before June 2019 (Doctoral degree candidates only).

- To upload proof of citizenship and proof of employment

All supporting documentation requests and document uploads must be made through your application account. More details will be given once you begin your application.

You will be notified by e-mail when supporting documentation is submitted. Additionally, you may log into your application account to see the status of your supporting documentation. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all supporting documentation is received by NCI on or before 11:59 PM, August 31 2018, U.S. Eastern Daylight time.**

Deadlines

Item	Applies To	Deadline
Online application	All Applicants	11:59 PM, August 25, 2018 U.S. Eastern Daylight time
Letters of reference	All Applicants	11:59 PM, August 31, 2018 U.S. Eastern Daylight time
Academic transcripts	All Applicants	
Letter of assurance	Doctoral degree candidates only	
Proof of Citizenship	Applicants from Ireland only	
Proof of Employment	Applicants from Ireland only	

Notification

All complete applications submitted by eligible candidates by the above deadlines will be reviewed by members of the CFPF Scientific Education Committee. This Committee is comprised of scientists from different Divisions within the NCI, the FDA, and an ad hoc member from outside the NCI with expertise in the field of cancer prevention and control. Those applicants judged to be highly qualified will be notified in late September and invited for a one-day interview in Rockville, Maryland, in October 2018. Applicants will be notified of their status shortly thereafter.

Funding

The HRB will provide funds for short-listed applicants from Republic of Ireland to attend for interview at NCI, if invited.

Applicants selected onto the fellowship programme will receive funding for:

Year 1: Registration fee costs for M.P.H. and salary related costs supported by HRB; Year 2-4: travel and relocation costs supported by HRB and salary-related costs and conference costs supported by NCI; Year 5: reintegration grant to return to the RoI covering salary related costs and contribution to research costs supported by HRB.

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