



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 nationals**¹ and who are engaged in research in medical or allied sciences, and wish to pursue a career in cancer research.

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. In principle, 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.

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 already working as a postdoctoral fellow at the Agency at the time of application or who have had any contractual relationship with IARC during the 6 months preceding the application deadline or who have already spent more than one year at IARC 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.

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 the forms which can be down-loaded from the Agency's web site: <http://www.iarc.fr> or 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 , to whom completed forms should also be returned. Applications must be supported by the Director of the applicant's own institution. The closing date for receipt of applications will be 31 December.

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 preselection 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 one year, with the possibility of an extension for an additional year subject to satisfactory appraisal, and the subsequent opportunity to apply for a "Return Grant" provided by ICS to return to a position in Ireland with a salary for one year. Fellowships must be taken up by **30 November** of the year of award. Applicants must 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 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 ICS at the time of renewal and a final report to ICS 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 ICS in any publication or presentation reporting work done during the award period.

6. STIPENDS

The annual stipend is currently 32 400 Euros (net of tax) 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 an independent “Return Grant” provided and managed by ICS, to return to a position in Ireland with a salary for one year in line with the existing ICS 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 US\$400 and for each dependent child US\$450 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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