

Dr Richard Steevens' Scholarship 2020

For SpR/SR Training Overseas Applicants' Guide

The Health Service Executive is now inviting applications from SpRs / SRs for funding for the fourteenth round of the Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship for clinical training overseas, where such training is either unavailable or limited in Ireland



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November 4th 2019

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This year the HSE is particularly interested in receiving applications focusing on:

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

- Termination of Pregnancy Training including surgical termination of pregnancy
- Specialist certified reproductive genetics

Paediatrics

- Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Disorders – Expanded newborn Screening
- Paediatric Gastroenterology and nutrition- intestinal failure and rehabilitation
- Paediatric Nephrology- Rare kidney disease in children with a special focus on multivisceral transplantation

Geriatric Medicine

- Movement Disorders in Older People
- Peri-operative geriatric surgical liaison
- Geriatric Oncology
- Specialist stroke rehabilitation

Neurology

- Neurogenetics
- Neuromuscular disease
- Cognitive impairment

Rehab Medicine

- Trauma Rehabilitation incl. Acute Management

Medical Oncology

- Cancer Genetics
- Immuno-oncology

Gastroenterology

- Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection
- Motility

Nephrology

- Home therapies especially home haemodialysis
- Interventional nephrology – development of skills in point of care ultrasound, local anaesthetic tenckhoff catheter insertion and Permcath insertion, renal biopsy
- Obstetric Nephrology
- Overlap between Nephrology and Geriatrics – geriatric nephrology incorporating conservative management

Psychology

- Youth Mental Health
- Gender Dysphoria



- Infant Mental Health
- Neurodegeneration

Ophthalmology

- Glaucoma
- Paediatric ophthalmology

Public Health Medicine

- Emergency preparedness and response.

However, applications from all specialty areas will be considered.

Applicants should be in the latter stages of higher specialist training. Application is through the relevant recognised Postgraduate Medical Training Body.

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The Richard Steevens' Scholarship

The Richard Steevens' Scholarship was established by the Health Service Executive (HSE) in 2007, arising from a recommendation of the Report of the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Group. The Scholarship is now in its fourteenth round.

This important initiative provides a valuable opportunity for specialist medical trainees to spend time training in centres of excellence abroad and to bring the skills gained back to the Irish health service.

The programme is aimed at supporting clinical training as distinct from research.

The Scholarship is particularly targeted at Specialist / Senior Registrars¹ who are in the latter stages of their higher specialist training programme, in order to maximise the benefit of specialised training abroad.

The 2020 Call for Applications

The HSE is now inviting applications for the Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship for positions commencing in July 2020. As set out in the cover page, specific areas of interest have been identified by the HSE. However Applications from all specialty areas will be considered.

Additionally, the HSE will look favourably upon areas which have not been funded previously (details of previous awards are attached).

Applications should focus on the acquisition of particular identified training for which opportunities are limited or unavailable in Ireland, which are relevant to the Irish health service and which will benefit future patient care in Ireland.

The HSE envisages that up to four Scholarships will be awarded. In cases where the successful applicants have some financial support from their host institution or other source, this will be offset against the scholarship, in which case it may be possible to award additional bursaries under the programme.

The Award

Successful candidates will be awarded the Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship and will receive their salary for the duration of the Scholarship. The salary will be based on the applicant's current point on the SpR/SR salary scale at the time of commencement. Other costs, such as travel, visas, living expenses etc. are a matter for the recipient of the Scholarship. Details of the mechanism for payment will be provided to successful applicants.

Bursaries may be awarded to additional candidates, subject to the advice of the expert panel and the availability of funding.

Recipients of awards (scholarships & bursaries) will be required to sign an Award Agreement with the HSE.

¹ Uniquely, psychiatry continues to use the grade and title of Senior Registrar (SR)

Conditions of the Award

- Placements must be for a minimum of 3 months' duration and up to a maximum of 12 months'.
- The sponsored period of training must be undertaken within the duration of the SpR/SR training scheme and prior to award of CSCST.
- Successful applicants must continue to be enrolled with their Training Body for the duration of the Scholarship.
- Placements must be at recognised centres of excellence in the particular specialty area.
- Placements must be completed within the time-frame July 2020 – June 2021.
- Where appropriate, recipients of the Scholarship are obliged to return to Ireland to complete their higher specialist training.
- Placements must focus on clinical training as distinct from research.
- Arrangements for local registration / licensing is a matter for the individual applicant.
- Applicants must have undertaken all of their SpR training in clinical posts in Ireland at the time of application, in other words the Dr. Steevens' Scholarship year would be recognised by the training body as the out-of-programme year.

Who Should Apply

Applicants must be in the latter stages of higher specialist training (within two years of CSCST at July 2020) and enrolled with the relevant Postgraduate Medical Training Body. The Scholarship is available to be taken in either the last year or second last year of HST.

Applicants must have undertaken all of their SpR training in clinical posts in Ireland at the time of application, in other words the Dr Steevens' Scholarship year would be recognised by the training body as the out-of-programme year.

The programme is aimed at outstanding trainees with a proven track record in achievement.

How to Apply

Applicants must apply through their recognised Postgraduate Medical Training Body.

Applicants should submit to their Training Body:

1. Completed Applicant's Coversheet (typed – not hand-written)
2. A letter outlining the rationale for applying, the specific skills / training that will be obtained, the learning objectives, novelty of the area and details of how the skills obtained will be utilised on return to Ireland.
3. Written confirmation from the proposed clinical supervisor / host institution confirming that a placement will be facilitated and confirming what (if any) bursary/funding is available from the host institution or any other source.
4. Curriculum vitae, outlining all outstanding clinical and academic achievements to date.

Closing date for Applications:

Applications must be submitted **by e-mail** to the relevant Postgraduate Medical Training Body no later than **Monday, 4th November 2019**

Applicants should contact their Training Body for details of how to submit their application.

Applications made directly to the HSE will not be accepted.

The Selection process

Selection will occur in two stages:

(i) Training Body Shortlisting

Each Training Body will consider the applications submitted to it and shortlist the applications.

Consideration will include:

- The track record and future potential of the candidate
- The proposed area of training and whether such training is or is not available in Ireland
- The proposed area of training and whether gaps exist in the Irish health service
- The suitability of the host institution
- The proposed area of training and the HSE list of relevant topics on page 2

Each Training Body will be permitted to submit up to four applications to the HSE.

All application documents for shortlisted candidates will be forwarded by the Forum of Irish Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies to the HSE's Medical Education & Training Unit for consideration.

The Training Bodies will inform candidates of the outcome of this stage of the process, by late November 2019.

(ii) HSE Selection

The HSE will form an expert advisory panel to assess the applications, and may seek specific advice from relevant experts, Clinical Directors etc. as required.

The principal considerations will be:

- The potential benefits to the Irish health service and patients of sponsorship of the proposed area of training
- Identified unmet patient need
- Specialty and service priorities
- Unavailability or limited availability of such training in Ireland
- The calibre of the applicant and demonstration of future potential
- Appropriateness of proposed training to the candidate's level of training
- An area of training which has not been funded previously

The HSE will inform candidates of the outcome of the selection process by the end of December 2019.

Applications will be accepted through the following Training Bodies:

- College of Anaesthetists of Ireland
- College of Psychiatry of Ireland
- Faculty of Occupational Medicine, RCPI
- Faculty of Paediatrics, RCPI
- Faculty of Pathology, RCPI
- Faculty of Public Health Medicine, RCPI
- Faculty of Radiologists, RCSI
- Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, RCPI
- Irish College of General Practitioners
- Irish College of Ophthalmologists
- Irish Committee for Emergency Medicine
- Irish Committee of Higher Medical Training, RCPI
- Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee, RCSI

Previous awards of the Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship

The HSE has made the following awards under the Richard Steevens' Scholarship since its establishment in 2007:

Surgery

Dr Ronan Cahill (Scholarship, 2007)	Fellowship in Laparoscopic Surgery at IRCAD/ETOS Institute, Strasbourg, France
Dr Conor Shields (Scholarship, 2007)	Minimally invasive approaches to inflammatory bowel disease And colorectal cancer surgery at Hopital Beaujon, Clichy and Hopital Saint-Antoine, Paris
Dr Graham Roche-Nagle (Scholarship, 2007)	Fellowship in Endovascular Surgery at Toronto General Hospital
Dr Brian Manning (Scholarship, 2008)	Endovascular Fellowship at University of Malmo
Dr Jonathan McGuinness (Scholarship, 2009)	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery at the Department of Paediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, Emory Healthcare
Dr Thomas Murphy (Scholarship 2009)	Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Thoracic and Foregut Surgery at University of Pittsburgh
Dr William Robb (Scholarship, 2011)	Fellowship in Oesophago-Gastric Surgery at l'Hopital Claude-Huriez, Lille
Dr Aoife Lowery (Scholarship, 2013)	International Fellowship in Endocrine Surgery (Minimal Access Endocrine Surgery) at the Hospital Universitaire Timone, Marseille, France
Dr Sarah Early (Scholarship, 2013)	Transcutaneous Aortic Valve Implantation (TGAVI) Major Aortic Fellowship at the London Health Hospital, University College London Hospital
Dr Anne Collins (Scholarship, 2015)	Fellow in Plastic, Reconstructive and Microsurgery, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney
Dr Henen Heneghan (Scholarship 2016)	Clinical Fellowship in the Specialty of Bariatric Surgery, Chester, UK
Dr Sonia Manning (Scholarship (2016)	Vitreoretinal Surgery Fellowship at the Rotterdam Eye Hospital, Rotterdam
Dr Kah Hoong Chang (Scholarship, 2017)	Fellowship in Advanced pelvic malignancies & robotic colorectal surgery in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney
Dr Niall Davis (Scholarship, 2017)	Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Genitourinary Tract Surgery in the Austin Hospital, Melbourne
Dr Sarah Moran (Scholarship, 2018)	SpR in Ophthalmic Surgery will undertake a clinical fellowship in Anterior Segment & Corneal Surgery at the Fondation Adolphe de Rothschild in Paris, France.
Dr Marcus Timlin (Bursary, 2007)	Fellowship in Spinal Surgery at Toronto Western Hospital
Dr Gordon Smyth (Bursary, 2007)	Fellowship in Laparoscopic Urological Oncology at L'institut Mutualiste Montsouris, University Paris, France
Dr Calvin Coffey (Bursary, 2009)	Colorectal Surgical Fellowship at Cleveland Clinic, Ohio

Dr Anne O'Neill (Bursary, 2011)	Fellowship in Oncological Reconstructive Microsurgery at the University of Toronto
Dr Kieran Power (Bursary, 2012)	Fellowship in Melanoma at the Melanoma Institute, Sydney
Dr Emmeline Nugent (Bursary 2018)	Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Colorectal Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic with a special focus on Surgical Training & Simulation Technology
Dr Peadar Waters (Bursary 2018)	Fellowship in robotic colorectal surgery and operative intervention for recurrent/complex pelvic malignancies at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Australia
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	
Dr Fionnuala Breathnach (Scholarship, 2007)	Fellowship in Maternal Foetal Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York
Dr Gerard Agnew (Scholarship, 2009)	Fellowship in Urogynaecology & Robotic Surgery at Mercy Hospital, Melbourne
Dr Venita Broderick (Bursary, 2011)	Fellowship in Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne
Medicine	
Dr Paul Eoin Cotter (Scholarship, 2008)	Stroke Medicine at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
Dr Bryan Whelan (Scholarship, 2008)	Management and Investigation of Patients with Inflammatory Muscle Disease at the Centre of Rheumatology, University College London
Dr Sinéad Murphy (Scholarship, 2009)	Clinical Fellowship in Peripheral Nerve at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen's Square, London
Dr Frank Waldron-Lynch (Scholarship, 2010)	Fellowship in Immunology of Type I Diabetes at Yale University Medical School
Dr Grainne O'Regan (Scholarship, 2011)	Fellowship in Epidermolysis Bullosa & Skin Fragility at Stanford University
Dr Mary Laing (Scholarship, 2011)	Fellowship in Dermato-oncology in transplant patients at the Royal Albert Hospital & Sydney Melanoma Diagnostic Centre, University of Sydney
Dr Elizabeth Smith (Scholarship, 2011)	Fellowship in Gastrointestinal Oncology & Lymphoma at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London
Dr Colin Lenihan (Scholarship, 2011)	Kidney Transplant Fellowship at Stanford University Medical Centre
Dr David Bradley (Scholarship, 2012)	Acute Stroke Medicine and Neuro-Oncology, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London
Dr Joanne Kitchen (Scholarship, 2012)	Fellowship in Advanced Musculoskeletal Ultrasound, University Hospital Plato, Barcelona
Dr Nicola Ambrose (Scholarship, 2013)	Fellowship in Adolescent Rheumatology & Transitional Healthcare at the ARUK Adolescent Rheumatology Centre of Excellence, University of London & Great Ormond St Hospital, London
Dr Aine Merwick (Scholarship, 2013)	Fellowship in Neuro-Metabolic & Acute Brain Injury Medicine, National Hospital Neurology & Neurosurgery, London
Dr Susan Byrne	

(Scholarship 2014)	Fellowship in Neuroimmunology & Neurocutaneous Disorders, Neuroimmunology John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford (6 months) & Neurocutaneous Disorders, St Thomas', London, (6 months)
Dr Mark Coyne (Scholarship 2014)	Fellowship in Systemic Amyloidosis at National Amyloidosis Centre, UCL, Royal Free Hospital, London
Dr Bridget Freyne (Scholarship 2014)	Fellowship in Transplant & Oncology Infectious Diseases at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne
Dr Sean O'Dowd (Scholarship 2015)	Fellowship in Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Academic neurosciences directorate
Dr Karl Neff (Scholarship 2016)	Fellowship in Advanced Obesity and Bariatric care at King's College, London
Dr Eavan McGovern (Scholarship 2017)	Clinical Fellowship in Transitional Care Neurology in the Brain and Spine Institute, Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital, Paris
Dr Eva Bolton (Scholarship 2018)	Clinical Fellowship in retroperitoneal and pelvic oncology in The Royal Marsden Hospital (RMH), Chelsea, London
Dr Peter Riddell (Scholarship 2018)	Clinical fellowship in Lung Transplant Medicine at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK
Dr Camilla Murtagh (Bursary, 2007)	Fellowship in Palliative Medicine at Caritas Hospice, St Vincent's Health, Melbourne, Australia
Dr Crochan O'Sullivan (Bursary, 2011)	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and Structural Heart Disease Fellowship at Bern University Hospital
Dr Grainne Murphy (Bursary, 2012)	Clinical Fellowship in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, University College London
Dr Ciara O'Rafferty (Bursary, 2015)	Malignant Paediatric Haematology and Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation, Birmingham Children's Hospital, (6 months)
Dr Elaine Neary (Bursary, 2015)	Clinical Fellowship in the Integrated Training Program in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the University of Toronto, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario (6 months)
Dr Susan O'Gorman (Bursary 2017)	Fellowship in Cutaneous Lymphoma in the Department of Cutaneous Oncology in Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital, London
Dr Roisin Coary (Bursary 2018)	Fellowship in Peri-operative Medicine for Older Patients at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, England
Dr David Gibson (Bursary 2018)	Fellowship in Luminal Endoscopy in Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia.
Emergency Medicine	
Dr Mick Molloy (Scholarship, 2008)	Fellowship in Disaster Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre / Harvard Medical School
Ophthalmology	
Dr Caitriona Kirwan (Scholarship, 2010)	Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
Dr Stephen Farrell (Scholarship 2017)	Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus in British Columbia Children's Hospital, Canada
Dr Elizabeth McElnea	

(Bursary 2017)	Fellowship in Ophthalmic Plastic, Orbit and Reconstructive Surgery in Maccelsfield District Hospital, Cheshire & Royal Liverpool Hospital, Cheshire
Pathology	
Dr Sean Hynes (Scholarship, 2015)	Fellowship in Molecular Pathology, Molecular Pathology Laboratory, Queens University & City Hospital, Belfast, NI
Dr James O'Byrne (Bursary 2016)	Fellowship in Diagnosis & Management of Treatable Genetic Disorder causing Intellectual Disability at the University of British Columbia & Vancouver, Canada
Dr Patrick Stapleton (Bursary 2016)	Fellowship in Paediatric Microbiology at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
Psychiatry	
Dr Kevin Foy (Scholarship, 2010)	Fellowship in Neuropsychiatry at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London
Dr Elizabeth Barrett (Scholarship, 2012)	Fellowship in Eating Disorders, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London
Dr Aine Butler (Scholarship, 2014)	Mental Health of Older Adults and Dementia Clinical Academic Group Fellowship, King's Health Partners London (Guy's and St Thomas', King's College Hospital and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trusts)
Dr Eric Kelleher (Scholarship 2016)	Fellowship in Neuropsychiatry including unexplained Neurological Symptoms at the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London
Radiology	
Dr Daniel Cagney (Scholarship, 2015)	CNS Fellowship with focus on Intracranial and Extra Cranial Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT), Dana Farber/Brigham & Womens Hospital, Boston
Dr Michael O'Reilly (Scholarship 2018)	Fellowship in Neuroradiology and an additional fellowship, most likely in emergency radiology
Dr Ferdia Bolster (Bursary, 2014)	Fellowship in Forensic Imaging/Radiology at University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA
Dr Aisling Barry (Bursary, 2015)	Extra-cranial Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy – Spine, Liver and Lung, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto Canada
Anaesthesia	
Dr Aoife Quinn (Bursary 2017)	Fellowship in Neurocritical Care in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK