

# Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship 2016

## For SpR/SR Training Overseas Applicants' Guide

The Health Service Executive is now inviting applications from SpRs / SRs for funding for the ninth 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 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

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

**Surgery**

**Urology**

- Paediatric Urology.
- Retroperitoneal Testis Cancer Surgery.

**Ophthalmology**

- Advanced Vitreoretinal Surgery

**Haemato-oncology**

- molecular/integrated diagnostics
- applied bio-informatics
- applied epidemiology
- Bone marrow transplantation

However applications from all specialty areas will be considered.

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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 tenth 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 Registrars<sup>1</sup> who are in the latter stages of their higher specialist training programme, in order to maximise the benefit of specialised training abroad.

## The 2016 Call for Applications

The HSE is now inviting applications for the Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship for positions commencing in July 2016. 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 2016 – June 2017
- 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.
- Deferral of awards is not permitted.

## Who Should Apply

Applicants must be in the latter stages of higher specialist training (within two years of CCST at July 2016) and enrolled with the relevant Postgraduate Medical Training Body.

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  
**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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 mid/December 2015.

### (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 January 2016

## 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)	Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) 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 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

### 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
<b>Medicine</b>	
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 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 Susan Byrne (Scholarship, 2014)	Fellowship in Neuroimmunology & Neurocutaneous Disorders, Neuroimmunology – John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford (6 months) & Neurocutaneous Disorders – St Thomas' Hospital, London (6 months)
Dr Mark Coyne (Scholarship, 2014)	Fellowship in Systemic Amyloidosis at National Amyloidosis Centre, UCL, Royal Free Hospital, London, (9 months)
Dr Bridget Freyne (Scholarship, 2014)	Fellowship in Transplant and Oncology Infectious Diseases at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia

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 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)
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	
Dr Mick Molloy (Scholarship, 2008)	Fellowship in Disaster Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre / Harvard Medical School
<b>Psychiatry</b>	
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)
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	
Dr Caitriona Kirwan (Scholarship, 2010)	Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
<b>Pathology</b>	
Dr Sean Hynes (Scholarship, 2015)	Fellowship in Molecular Pathology, Molecular Pathology Laboratory, Queens University & City Hospital, Belfast, NI
<b>Radiology</b>	
Dr Daniel Cagney (Scholarship, 2015)	CNS Fellowship with focus on Intracranial and Extra Cranial Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT), Dana Farber/Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston
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