



## Research Fellowship

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Who can apply?**

Question: Is the Research Fellowship for post-doctoral researchers?

Answer: The Research Fellowships are for post-doctoral researchers, doctors, nurses and other researchers who meet the eligibility criteria and are committed to developing a career in cancer research.

Question: Can I apply for a Fellowship if I have just completed my PhD?

Answer: No, you must have a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 5 years further research experience in order to apply.

#### **Institutes:**

Question: Are the Fellowships tenable in universities in Northern Ireland?

Answer: Fellowships are tenable only for individuals who propose to carry out their research at host institutions in the Republic of Ireland. This is because the money raised for the Irish Cancer Society to fund cancer research is raised in the Republic of Ireland.

**Mentor:**

Question: Can a PI be a mentor to more than one Fellowship applicant?

Answer: Yes, a PI can mentor more than one Fellowship applicant

Question: Is it permitted to use your proposed mentor as one of your referees?

Answer: Yes

**Funding:**

Question: Is there an overall target for the amount of funding granted per project?

Answer: The maximum funding granted for a Fellowship is €75,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years.

**Salaries:**

Question: Are there set salaries to adhere to?

Answer: Please refer to the Irish University Association's salary scale. Your number of years experience will determine your point on the salary scale.

Question: How much do I need to allow for PRSI and extra expenses etc?

Answer: You need to allow for PRSI and other salary-related expenses in your financial information. Please contact the research office at the proposed host institution for advice in relation to these costs.

Question: Do I need to seek my own salary when applying for a Fellowship?

Answer: You should apply for at least part of your salary when applying for a Fellowship. If you are receiving part of your salary from another funding source, please specify the time you propose to allocate to each research project.

### **Number of Awards:**

Question: How many fellowships are available?

Answer: This is dependent on the amount of funding available.  
In 2009, the Irish Cancer Society funded 3 Fellowships.

### **Date of Awards**

Question: When will applicants find out if they are successful?

Answer: Applicants will find out if they have been shortlisted or not in mid-March.  
Applicants will be informed if they have been successful in late April/early May.

### **Grant Deadline**

Question: When do applications need to be in by?

Answer: The online application form must be submitted by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

The printed declaration of support must be received by the Irish Cancer Society by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.