

DevelopMed Fellowship Programme (MSCA COFUND Action)

Call 3 for Applications (May 2023)

Deadline: 25th June 2023, 23.59 (GMT)

The DevelopMed Fellowship Programme, co-financed by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND Action of the European Union offers **prestigious Fellowships** for outstanding postdoctoral researchers in the area of **Precision Oncology**. Fellows will conduct their own research project at one of the following academic institutions in Ireland: University College Dublin (UCD; host institution), National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG), the RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences (RCSI) or University College Cork (UCC). The Programme aims to provide fellows with a research training experience of the highest international standards that will help them to forge careers in Precision Oncology. It offers an attractive and supportive working environment at these universities and high-quality tailored training in areas related to research topic and transferrable skills, while Fellows will also benefit from joining the prestigious Marie Curie network. Fellowships include a mandatory 3 – 6 month secondment to another research performing institution in academia, industry, clinical and/or charity sectors in any country.

FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Fellowship Duration	Research Experience	Mobility requirements
2 years	Incoming candidates must possess a PhD degree, or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience, by the call deadline	<p>Fellowships are open to candidates of any nationality, who at the time of the deadline for submission of proposals, shall not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Ireland for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission date. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.</p> <p>A relaxed mobility rule will also be in place for Career Restart or Reintegration fellows.</p>

RESEARCH AREAS

Applicants are required to submit a research project proposal in the broad area of -omics driven **Precision Oncology**. Precision Oncology spans basic to clinical research disciplines including but not limited to translational biology, computational modelling, nutrition, obesity, molecular bioinformatics, biostatistics, immunology, statistical genetics and clinical informatics. The programme will be open to individuals with research experience in scientific areas related to precision oncology e.g., biology, medicine, (bio)informatics, computing, biochemistry, physics, mathematics, statistics, engineering etc. Applicants have the opportunity to freely choose their research topic from amongst a wide range of areas which can be broadly classified within the three general programme themes: Diagnostics, Therapeutics & Drug Development, and the Tumour Microenvironment. Applicants to the DevelopMed programme must apply with a research project which is relevant to one or more of these general research areas and priorities.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The selection process consists of a three-phase evaluation process to ensure an open and transparent selection of candidates. This consists of:

Phase 1) an eligibility check

Phase 2) international peer review by 3 reviewers concluding with a consensus discussion and ranking, and

Phase 3) interview of applicants who have reached the threshold of 70% from phase 2.

Proposals will be evaluated over a 2-3-month period following the closing date for applications. All proposals will be evaluated by three independent experts according to the criteria published on the programme website and ranked by a Peer Review panel. Any proposal raising ethical issues will be reviewed by an Ethics Committee.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

- Successful Fellows will be employed by an Irish academic host institution for the entire duration of the Fellowship.
- Fellows' will receive competitive gross salaries of ~€51,345 for fellows who qualify for family allowance and ~€45,942 for fellows who do not qualify for family allowance.
- Fellows will be provided access to budgets for training & networking costs including consumables (€15,000 annually), computing budget (€1,440) and travel budget (€1,800).
- Fellow salaries also include a gross mobility allowance of €7,024 per annum.
- Fellows can qualify for a pension from their academic host institution after 2 years and will have an option to join a private health insurance group scheme.

APPLICATION

To apply, candidates need to register with the online application system accessed through the Programme website (www.ucd.ie/developmed/). Once registered, they should fill out the online application form and upload all required documents. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The deadline for submission of applications for Call 3 is 25th June 2023, 23:59 (GMT).



CONTACT

For further information and to apply, please visit the DevelopMed website: www.ucd.ie/developmed.

If you have any queries, please contact the DevelopMed Help Desk and programme management office at developmed@ucd.ie.



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