



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Dr. Richard Steevens' Scholarship

2019

For SpR/SR Training Overseas

Additional Information for Training Bodies

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

The "Applicants' Guide" sets out the details of the programme and is being circulated through the Forum of Irish Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies to each of the individual Training Bodies. This must be circulated to all Higher Specialist trainees enrolled with each of the Training Bodies.

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

Anaesthetics

Trauma Anaesthesia as an area of Strategic Need for Overseas Fellowship Training

Medicine

- Advanced polypectomy/EMR/ESD
- ERCP/EUS
- Advanced IBD
- Intestinal failure/nutrition
- Transplant hepatology
- Electrophysiology
- Cardiac MRI
- Trauma Medicine

Pathology

- Perinatal Pathology
- Paediatric Pathology

Paediatrics

- Point of care Ultrasonography in the Paediatric Emergency Department known as POCUS
- General Paediatrics with a Special Interest in Paediatric Mental Health
- HealthCare of Refugee and Migrant Children
- Adolescent Paediatrics

Psychiatry

- Early Intervention in Psychosis (EIP)

Surgery

- Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery

- Lymphatic surgery
- Sarcoma surgery
- Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement
- Laparoscopic/Robotic Surgery
- Complex Pelvic Floor Surgery & robotic pelvic surgery & TAMIS
- Spinal, Foot & Ankle Surgery, Hand Surgery, Complex major trauma
- Bariatric Surgery
- Paediatric urology
- Retroperitoneal Testis Cancer Surgery
- Paediatric Otolaryngology
- Surgical Training and incorporation of Simulation Methods of Technology

However, applications from all specialty areas will be considered.

Training Bodies should note their role in the application and selection process, the criteria for consideration of applications and the closing dates, as set out in this document.

1. Role of Training Bodies in application and selection process

The individual training Bodies are asked to undertake the following actions:

- Circulate the application documents to all Higher Specialist Trainees enrolled with your Training Body.
- Provide for receipt of applications from HST trainees enrolled with your Training Body. All applications must be submitted by applicants by e-mail.
- Convene a small assessment group within the Training Body to consider each application under the criteria listed overleaf.
- Shortlist a maximum of four applicants.
- Complete the “Training Body Recommendation Sheet” for each shortlisted application. (typed – not hand-written)
- Complete the “Training Body Assessment Sheet”. (typed – not hand-written)
- The National Specialty Director (or equivalent) must approve the forms prior to submission.
- Submit in soft copy to the Forum of Irish Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies (**forum@rcpi.ie**):
 - The “Training Body Recommendation Sheet(s)” for each shortlisted applicant
 - The “Training Body Assessment Sheet”
 - All application documents for each shortlisted applicant.
- Inform all applicants of the outcome of this stage of the process (i.e. whether they have been shortlisted or not) by mid/December 2018. The HSE will inform all shortlisted candidates of the HSE’s consideration of applications and this will be copied to the Forum and to the NSD / Head of Training Body

Please note the following:

- In line with feedback received from the expert panel during previous rounds of the award, Training Bodies are asked not to rank the four shortlisted candidates.
- Training Bodies should not submit applications from SpRs in the early stages of training; applicants should be in the latter stages of training (within 2 years of CCST in July 2019).
- Applications should be focussed on clinical training and not on research.

2. Criteria for consideration of applications

When considering the applications received, Training Bodies should take into consideration the following:

- 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 of Applicants Guide.

3. Important Dates

The deadline for applicants to submit their applications to their Training Body is Friday, **November 23rd 2018**.

The deadline for Training Bodies to conclude the shortlisting process and forward the recommended applications to the Forum is **Friday, December 7th 2018**.

The Forum will subsequently forward the applications to the NDTP-HSE for consideration.