



Irish Thoracic Society – Allen & Hanburys Research Fellowship

The Irish Thoracic Society (ITS) is pleased to invite applications for the Irish Thoracic Society - Allen & Hanburys Research Fellowship (2011). This award is supported by an endowment that is funded by Allen & Hanburys Ireland in conjunction with the Irish Thoracic Society.

This fellowship is part of the continuing expansion programme of the Society.

Rules for the award

- The fellowship is funded with the objective of helping a young clinician, who is in the early stages of his or her career to carry out basic or clinical research projects and to develop, acquire, and apply advanced research procedures and techniques in the area of respiratory medicine. Priority will be given to candidates who are members of Specialist Registrar programmes in Respiratory Medicine or Paediatric Medicine with an interest in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland and who intend to register with a University for an MD (or equivalent) degree. Research projects must be carried out in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. The award is not open to previous recipients. Awards are conditional on the availability of appropriate facilities and resources in the host institution.
- The amount of the fellowship is €30,000 for one year. The fellowship is intended to contribute to the salary or consumable costs of the applicant during the course of a period of dedicated full time research. The fellowship is not granted for basic training, courses, lectures, meetings, conferences, congresses or for visiting institutions.
- Awards are granted with the expectation that submissions for presentation will be made at appropriate medical conventions (eg. ITS, American Thoracic Society, European Respiratory Society, British Thoracic Society) and abstracts/papers will be submitted for publication in appropriate medical journals. The successful candidate should acknowledge the Irish Thoracic Society-A&H Research Fellowship as a source of support in publications and presentations.
- Selection will be made on the basis of scientific and expert evaluation of the application and the proposed work as set out by the candidates in the project description. Independent reviewers will be selected by the Committee of the Irish Thoracic Society to carry out this task and the final decision will be made by the Committee of the Irish Thoracic Society, with the assistance of the reviewers' assessments. Reviewers' assessments are strictly confidential and cannot be divulged outside the ITS, or to the candidates themselves.
- The successful applicant will be required to submit an end-of-project report within a month of the end of the project. This report will be published on the ITS Website.
- If the fellowship is terminated prematurely, the ITS must be notified promptly and appropriate funds must be reimbursed.

- All decisions of the Irish Thoracic Society are final.

Application Package

(1) A detailed Project Description (see below)

This is the most important component of your application. It should be prepared by yourself and have the approval of your host supervisors. The description must not exceed 2500 words. It must address in sufficient scientific, medical and/or technical detail all of the following points:

- a. Introduction
- b. Objectives and underlying hypothesis;
- c. Material, methods, procedures;
- d. Relevance to respiratory medicine;
- e. Relevance and potential benefits to activities in the host institution and for patients;
- f. Relationship to your past, current and future professional activities;
- g. Reason(s) for choice of host institution;
- h. Reference to recent publications in the project field from the host and others, where applicable;

(2) Current Curriculum Vitae, including publications and presentations

(3) One page summary of how you propose to use the funding.

(4) Letter of support from intended supervisor of project

(5) Two references from Consultants for whom you have worked in the past or at present. You should choose as referees independent professional colleagues who are familiar with your work.

Applications should be submitted to:

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Applications must be received by the application closing date of Friday May 27th, 2011. The successful applicant will be informed in July 2011 with a view to commencing work in Autumn 2011. A formal announcement will be made at the Annual Scientific meeting of the Irish Thoracic Society in November 2011.