



# INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

ROYAL COLLEGE OF  
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL  
FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMMES

## MEDICINE

GENERAL MEDICAL SPECIALTIES  
AND SUBSPECIALTIES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022



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### Become a World-Class Specialist

**The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is an internationally recognised postgraduate college dedicated to the education and training of medical doctors.**

Training doctors to become world-class specialists is at the heart of what we do. We believe that being a doctor is one of the most rewarding and important professions there is and we are committed to helping you reach your full potential.

We offer postgraduate specialist training programmes, examinations, diplomas and educational courses to equip doctors with the skills and knowledge they need to care for patients and run safe and efficient healthcare systems.

Our training programmes incorporate both clinical and non-clinical training, and are designed to produce skilled, confident doctors who can provide world-class medical care and handle the everyday challenges of a busy health service.

### Hands-On Structured Training

Ireland has a long-standing tradition of providing postgraduate specialist medical training to international doctors. RCPI has, in collaboration with the Health Service Executive of Ireland, developed a range of programmes designed specifically to meet the needs of international medical graduates.

The International Clinical Fellowship Programme (ICFP) provides a route for overseas doctors wishing to undergo structured and advanced postgraduate medical training in Ireland. The ICFP enables suitably qualified overseas postgraduate medical trainees to undertake a fixed period of active training in clinical services in Ireland. The programme is offered over two to three years of clinical training, after which the overseas doctors will return to their country of origin.

The purpose of the ICFP is to enable overseas Trainees to gain access to structured training in active clinical environments that they cannot get in their own country, with a view to enhancing and improving the individual's medical training and learning and, in the medium to long term, the health services in their own countries.



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### Supporting your move to Ireland

We know that moving to another country involves a lot of preparation and paperwork. We are committed to making this process as easy as possible for you, once you have been accepted onto our international training programme.

The support we offer in association with Castel Education, an agency that specialises in supporting international students coming to Ireland, includes:

- *English language tutoring*
- *Visa and immigration assistance, including liaising with the Irish Embassy on your behalf*
- *Helping you apply for registration with the Irish Medical Council*
- *Helping you make travel arrangements*
- *Collecting you at the airport in Ireland*
- *Helping you find suitable accommodation*
- *Helping your family members move to Ireland, e.g. finding suitable schools*
- *Assistance with setting up banking and mobile phone accounts*
- *Emergency telephone support*

### Train with a Consultant

This Programme will allow you to access a structured period of training in leading hospitals around Ireland. You will follow a structured curriculum and be attached to a consultant trainer – fully participating in the clinical work of your trainer's team.

Participation in on-call is viewed as a key component of training and therefore, trainees on the International Clinical Fellowship Training Programme are advised that they may be required to participate in the on-call rota of their department.

### Structured Educational Programme

As well as workplace-based learning you will have the opportunity to gain additional learning through our formal educational programmes including:

- *Study days*
- *Mandatory and optional courses*
- *Society Meetings and Conferences*
- *Lectures*
- *Journal club*
- *Audit*
- *Research*

These elements of the training programmes give doctors an opportunity to expand their knowledge base within their specialty as well as hone the core knowledge and clinical judgement skills needed to enhance their career and take up senior positions.

*“One of the biggest strengths in the Irish Training System was in the selection of the trainers themselves. I found them very skilled and knowledgeable. They do their utmost in trying to pass their knowledge and their technical skills to their Fellows.”*

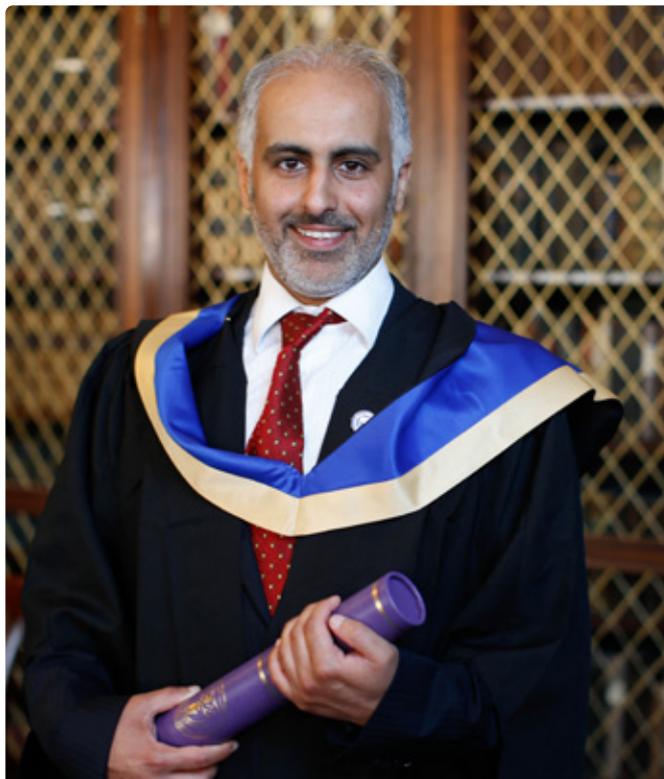
Dr Rudaynah Al Ali, Clinical Fellow in Cardiology



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### General Medicine Specialty Programmes

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### Who is this programme for?

<b>Designed for</b>	Doctors who have completed their four/five-year National Residency Programme and examinations.
<b>Duration</b>	Two years with the opportunity to develop their Special interest during the 3rd year.
<b>Entry requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Completed primary medical degree through English</li> <li>– Completed a structured internship</li> <li>– Completed four/five-year National Residency Programme and incorporated examinations</li> <li>– Completed Saudi/Arab Board Examinations</li> <li>– Eligible to be registered with the Irish Medical Council (Supervised Division)</li> <li>– Sponsored by your National Training Body</li> <li>– IELTS with an overall band score of 7.0 and a minimum score of 6.5 in each of the four domains or OET with a minimum score of B in all four domains*</li> </ul>
<b>Desirable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Have at least one year's experience post-residency training in your chosen specialty</li> </ul> <p><b>Priority will be given to candidates who also hold MRCPI or MRCPUK.</b></p> <p>* The entry requirement IELTS/OET score is not required to be eligible for interview but is mandatory to achieve as soon as possible once an offer on the programme is made. Our partners Castel Education offer individually tailored courses to help trainees achieve the mandatory score in a timely fashion ahead of their arrival to Ireland. Trainees are recommended to gain their IELTS or OET as soon as possible. Additional credit will be awarded at interview to candidates who present a valid IELTS or OET certificate at interview.</p> <p><i>In addition to the general requirements outlined above applicants in certain specialties will also be required to meet specific requirements. See our website (<a href="http://www.rcpi.ie">www.rcpi.ie</a>) for further details.</i></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Certificate of Completion of Clinical Fellowship Training in chosen specialty/sub specialty issued by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

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### Medical Subspecialties\*

- Dermatology – Dermasurgery
- Endocrinology – Obesity
- Endocrinology – Pituitary
- Gastroenterology – Hepatology
- Gastroenterology – IBD
- Infectious Diseases – HIV
- Infectious Diseases – Infection Control
- Neurology – Epilepsy
- Neurology – Musculoskeletal
- Neurology – Stroke
- Respiratory Medicine – Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology – Lupus
- Rheumatology – Vasculitis



\*Please note this is not a full list and other subspecialty programmes are available.

### Who is this programme for?

<b>Designed for</b>	Doctors who have completed their four/five-year National Residency Programme and examinations and a fellowship in a general medical specialty.
<b>Duration</b>	One to two years depending on the subspecialty.
<b>Entry requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Completed primary medical degree through English</li> <li>– Completed a structured internship</li> <li>– Completed four/five-year National Residency Programme and incorporated examinations</li> <li>– Completed Saudi/Arab Board Examinations</li> <li>– Completed the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in a general medical specialty OR completed a relevant fellowship with an approved body</li> <li>– Eligible to be registered with the Irish Medical Council (Supervised Division)</li> <li>– Sponsored by your National Training Body</li> </ul>
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<b>Certification</b>	Certificate of Completion of Clinical Fellowship Training in chosen specialty issued by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

## Application Process Timeline



## How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for our International Clinical Fellowship Programme, please visit our website or contact RCPI at [internationalaffairs@rcpi.ie](mailto:internationalaffairs@rcpi.ie) and submit the following:

- Curriculum Vitae outlining your training and clinical experience in detail\*
- Evidence of sponsorship by your National Training Body

\*Your CV must show that you meet the entry requirements for your chosen training programme and specialty.

## CLOSING DATE

The closing date for submitting applications is **19 July 2020**.

If your application is shortlisted, you will be invited for interview which will be held between September and November 2020.



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## IRISH COMMITTEE ON HIGHER MEDICAL TRAINING

The Irish Committee on Higher Medical Training (ICHMT) is the national training body for General Medicine in Ireland. It has over 700 trainees, making it the largest postgraduate medical training body in Ireland. It is well positioned to continually pursue excellence in the delivery of healthcare.

It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and meets the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in 16 specialties. ICHMT develops and monitors training programmes in these specialties and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.



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