INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

BECOME A WORLD-CLASS SPECIALIST

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Dedicated to the education and training of medical doctors.

The Royal College Of Physicians of Ireland is an internationally recognised postgraduate college. 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.

VISION:
A globally connected community of doctors improving people’s health.

MISSION:
To develop and support our learners, trainers, members and fellows to be leaders in healthcare delivery and transformation through training, education and advocacy.
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While our role in society has undergone profound changes since our foundation in 1654, the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland remains first and foremost a college dedicated to transformative medical education and training.

As the largest medical postgraduate training body in Ireland, we are committed to helping doctors and healthcare professionals enhance their skills and competencies and become leaders in healthcare through advocacy, influence, expertise, and support. We are a forward-thinking and dynamic organisation that is recognised nationally and internationally for excellence in medical education.

You are invited to join our globally active community with 13,000 doctors in our international network. Doctors can train in 29 specialties and the College has over 1000 Clinical leads. This shared expertise and global community allows us to develop and deliver an excellent training experience to you. It also offers great opportunities for you to network, collaborate globally and develop your healthcare leadership skills.

In recent years, the College has welcomed partnering with healthcare organisations internationally to develop and provide postgraduate medical training for doctors seeking training opportunities abroad. We have welcomed over 180 doctors onto our International Residency and Clinical Fellowship Programmes in Ireland.

Our programmes offer opportunities to international medical graduates to develop valuable clinical skills and have an exchange of experience with a clinical team in Ireland. If you train with us, you will have the opportunity to develop as a leader and you will return home equipped with world-class clinical skills and training, a global perspective on the opportunities and challenges in healthcare, and the knowledge and confidence to drive change.

Professor Mary Horgan
President, RCPI
At the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, we are dedicated to supporting doctors during their postgraduate medical training. The International Clinical Fellowship Programme is designed for doctors from overseas, who wish to access advanced specialty training in Ireland.

The International Clinical Fellowship Programme is comprised of curriculum-based, hands-on clinical training. It is underpinned by a core academic programme, which includes educational courses, research opportunities, and national and international meetings, specifically tailored to support your progress through training and your professional development as a physician. Many of our graduates return to their home countries to establish new clinical services in their field, and we are proud to have played a crucial role in equipping them to do so.

There are dedicated supports in place for each doctor on the Programme, not only during their training with RCPI, but also during the relocation process to Ireland. This includes close assistance with visa application, Irish Medical Council registration, sourcing accommodation, education and beyond. From the moment a doctor receives an offer for a place on our Programme, they will have a dedicated Programme Coordinator who will guide and support them through every step of the process, from relocation, through training and right up to graduation.

Our Clinical Fellowship Programme is very well supported by its graduates, with whom we have had the great pleasure of keeping in touch. Just as they acted as ambassadors of their home countries while here in Ireland, many of our graduates transitioned into the role of ambassadors for RCPI upon their return home.

Joining the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland means becoming part of a truly global network of world-class physicians, and we hope to welcome you into our ranks.

Dr Anna Clarke
Associate Director
International Clinical Fellowship Programme, RCPI
WHY IRELAND?

Ireland offers the warmest of welcomes in a safe, English speaking country on the western edge of Europe. Ireland is one of the safest countries in the world ranking 8th on the Global Peace Index in 2021.

Ireland can be easily accessed by air travel from anywhere in the world and has excellent links throughout Europe. As a small nation, we provide a welcoming and friendly community alongside an extensive global and national network within the healthcare community.

Ireland is considered one of the friendliest and safest countries in the world and Irish culture is known for its welcome and acceptance of people from different backgrounds. Ireland has a strong sense of culture and history, but you will also find a diverse mix of cultures and ethnic groups throughout the country.

The Irish landscape is recognised globally for its beauty and is often known as the “Emerald Isle” due to Ireland’s Ancient East, Hidden Heartlands and the Wild Atlantic Way. The historic beauty of our country has captivated audiences around the world.

We are entrepreneurial as a nation, looking to find new solutions to problems that were once seen as intractable, which is evident in our postgraduate medical training.

Ireland has an international reputation for delivering quality Educational Programmes, especially in the medical field. There are over 35,000 international students from 161 countries studying in Ireland.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Human Development Report Index 2020 found Ireland to have the second highest quality of life in the world, ranking number two of 189 countries.

“When I came to Ireland, I received excellent support from everyone, including the RCPI, the Saudi Bureau, Castel Education, my colleagues in the hospital as well as my trainer. I found another family in this country, which made my life easier.”

Dr Safi Alqatari
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Rheumatology, Saudi Arabia
WHY RCPI?

Established in 1654, we have a wealth of experience in educating doctors and providing them with the skills to provide first-class care at an advanced level.

RCPI is dedicated to ensuring doctors have the skills to provide patients with the best possible care. We are committed to helping doctors enhance their skills, competencies and professionalism throughout their working lives. RCPI’s strategic aim is to deliver world-class specialist training, enhance life-long learning and professional development, promote leadership in patient care, be a trusted, authoritative voice on public health policy and build our global presence.

Our core values are honesty, trust, kindness, innovation, responsiveness, quality and excellence, which is encompassed into the training environment in Ireland. We are the largest training body and hold 6 of the Institutes and Faculties of training in Ireland including the Institute of Medicine, Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Faculty of Pathology, Faculty of Paediatrics and the Faculty of Public Health Medicine.

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland.

RCPI has a global network with over 13,000 doctors across 29 different specialties in over 90 countries. This network gives us the knowledge and expertise which allows us drive constant improvement in training.

We provide membership to the college following successful completion of the MRCPI exam, which is available in General Medicine, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Public Health and Occupational Medicine. These qualifications are valued by healthcare employees worldwide.

We also advocate for policy and legislative change in a number of key areas including ageing, tobacco, cancer screening, open disclosure, obesity, alcohol, physical activity, sexual health and traffic medicine.

Graduates of our Programmes are not only recognised for their ability to tackle the complex challenges of today, but also for their preparedness to be future leaders in their field.

“I have chosen the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland because I know there are plenty of places that offer fellowship, but RCPI is well a known prestigious institution. I thought it would be an honour to have a fellowship certificate.”

Dr Nahed Seddiq
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Infectious diseases, Bahrain
OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Palliative Medicine
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Respiratory Medicine
- Rheumatology

FACULTY OF PAEDIATRICS
- Adolescent Medicine/Mental Health
- Developmental Paediatrics and Neurodisability
- General Paediatrics
- Paediatric Allergy/Immunology
- Paediatric Cardiology
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Endocrinology
- Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Paediatric Haematology
- Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- Paediatric Nephrology
- Paediatric Neurology
- Paediatric Respiratory
- Paediatric Rheumatology
- Neonatology

FACULTY OF PATHOLOGY
- Chemical Pathology
- Clinical Microbiology
- Haematology
- Histopathology
- Immunology (no places available for 2023/2024)

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS
- Gynaecology Surgery
- Labour Ward Management
- Maternal Medicine
- Urogynaecology

FACULTY OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
- Occupational Medicine

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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 graduates 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 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.

“There are many strengths in the Irish system. I think and I believe the education and training really compete with the other international training programmes around the world. Clinically you get exposure to a wide variety of cases and the programme has senior doctors who have great expertise in their specialties.”

Dr Yousef Alammari
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Rheumatology, Saudi Arabia
This Programme will allow you to access a structured period of training in leading hospitals around Ireland.

**ROTATION**

Depending on your chosen specialty, you will rotate across at least two different hospitals. You will follow a curriculum and be attached to a consultant trainer, fully participating in the clinical work of your trainer’s team. The team structure, and the opportunity to rotate through different clinical sites, will present many opportunities to learn from a range of colleagues in various disciplines and at differing stages of their professional careers.

**CLINICAL TRAINING**

Your training will be primarily hospital based and is underpinned by a core educational programme, designed to complement your clinical experience in areas such as leadership, communications, research, audit, etc.

Clinical activities within most-specialties will include direct participation in both in-patient and out-patient services, completion of procedures and practical skills, engagement in multi-disciplinary team meetings, grand rounds, and journal clubs, amongst others. You will be exposed to a high variety of cases across all aspects of your specialty, and, for some specialties there will be an opportunity to engage in structured subspecialty training.

**PROGRESS AND EVALUATION**

Throughout your training, you will have access to a range of digital supports, including an electronic/ePortfolio, through which, you will be able to record your training activities and track your progress.

The annual evaluation includes a summative assessment, as well as ongoing competency-based assessment tools, such as Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS), Case Based Discussions (CBD), and Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercises (Mini-CEX).

Each programme is governed by a Programme Director, who will provide guidance to both you and your trainer as you progress through training.
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 clubs, clinical audit, research and more.

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 in their health service.

**SHAPE YOUR PERSONAL LEARNING JOURNEY**

**Area of Learning:** LEADERSHIP

**How we can support you:**

We provide the following course:

**Leadership in Clinical Practice**

On completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Increase your self-awareness and identify key strengths and weaknesses
- Influence others effectively
- Negotiate effectively
- Improve your resilience and well being
- Recognise quality in healthcare and describe quality improvement
- Discuss quality improvement as a methodology to guide a team through change
- Experience quality improvement learning and methodology
- Identify dynamics that help/hinder progress

**Acquired Skills:**

- Improve your communication techniques by focusing on your audience, reading body language, and checking for understanding
- Recognise the importance of sensitivity to diversity and understanding how cultural backgrounds impact on communication style
- Understand how to ask questions effectively and engage in active listening
- Recognise assertive behaviour when communicating and in conflict situations
- Identify the importance of communicating effectively with patients about sexual health
- Develop strategies for difficult communication and challenging situations e.g. open disclosure

**Area of Learning:** COMMUNICATION

**How we can support you:**

We provide the following course:

**Mastering Communication**

On completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Increase your self-awareness and identify key strengths and weaknesses
- Influence others effectively
- Negotiate effectively
- Improve your resilience and well being
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Acquired Skills:

+ Identify and appropriately respond to professional issues relating to confidentiality, consent, and data protection
+ Manage your own health and ill health appropriately and support colleagues in need by following best routes of care for doctors
+ Communicate professionally and ethically with patients and colleagues
+ Follow the guide to professional conduct and ethics for registered medical practitioners
+ Consider and discuss real cases and develop strategies to prevent, anticipate and manage ethical dilemmas
+ Identify the meeting points between medicine, ethics and law, and where they differ
+ Outline the working mechanism of the Fitness to Practice Committee of the Irish Medical Council
+ Define the audit need
+ Conducting a clinical audit
+ Making recommendations
+ Identifying areas suitable for clinical audit
+ Managing the distinction between clinical audit and research
+ Evidence of good practice
+ Benchmarking
+ The purpose and design of randomised controlled trials
+ Appropriate sample size
+ The purpose and process of random allocation
+ How to implement blinding
+ How to control for bias
+ How to distinguish intention to treat per protocol analysis
+ The principles of epidemiological research in observational studies

Area of Learning: ETHICS

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

**Ethics Foundations Course**

For Medical Specialties, **Ethics for General Internal Medicine** is also available

On completion of this course, you will be able to:

Acquired Skills:

+ Identify and appropriately respond to professional issues relating to confidentiality, consent, and data protection
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+ Communicate professionally and ethically with patients and colleagues
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Area of Learning: CLINICAL AUDIT

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

**Performing Audit**

On completion of this course, you will be able to:

Area of Learning: RESEARCH

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

**Introduction to Health Research**

On completion of this course, you will be able to:

As part of your professional competence requirements you will need to complete a minimum of 1 audit per year.
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 Clinical Fellowship 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

Advanced specialist training in Ireland is completed within one of seven hospital groupings. Once you have been offered a post at a specific training site, we will begin working with you to make sure that you, and any family members traveling with you, are set up with appropriate accommodation, schooling, etc.

“The move to Ireland was a dream for me. I was so nervous in the beginning because I didn’t know what I would face. I was moving my whole family here and it was made much easier with the help of the College. They linked us up with Castel Education who did an amazing job for literally everything.”

Dr Dalal Ali
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Endocrinology, Oman
The Institute of Medicine 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.

Clinical Fellowships available in:
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Palliative Medicine
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Respiratory Medicine
- Rheumatology

Subspecialty Clinical Fellowships available in select specialties, email InternationalAffairs@rcpi.ie for more information.

RCPI also offers an International Residency Training Programme in Internal Medicine. Please refer to page 28 to learn more.
The best thing about Ireland in general is the people; they are very friendly, the patients are really friendly, approachable, nice.

I chose the RCPI International Clinical Fellowship Programme because it had been recommended to me by my colleagues who had been through the same programme before. The structure of the Programme, the Trainers, the case mix and the volume, and also the facilities available in Irish hospitals, all these things add up to make a really great programme.

Dr Muhammad Al-Shammari
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Cardiology, Kuwait

Who is this Programme for?

| Designed for | Doctors who have completed their four/five-year National Residency Programme and examinations. |
| Duration     | Programmes are generally 2-3 years. |
| Entry Requirements | - Completed primary medical degree through English  
- Completed a structured internship  
- Completed four/five-year National Residency Programme and incorporated examinations  
- Completed Saudi/Arab Board or other approved Board Examinations in Internal Medicine  
- Eligible to be registered with the Irish Medical Council (Supervised Division)  
- Sponsored by a government body  
- 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*  
- Have at least one year’s experience post-residency training in your chosen specialty |
| Desirable    | Priority will be given to candidates who also hold MRCPI or MRCPUK.  
* 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. In addition to the general requirements outlined above applicants in certain specialties will also be required to meet specific requirements. See our website (www.rcpi.ie) for further details. |
| Certification | Certificate of Achievement of Clinical Fellowship Training in chosen specialty issued by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. |
The Faculty of Paediatrics is the national professional and training body for Paediatrics in Ireland, working to ensure the highest standards in child health. It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and is proud to meet the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in Paediatrics.

The Faculty of Paediatrics develops and monitors training programmes and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

Clinical Fellowships available in:
- Adolescent Medicine/Mental Health
- Developmental Paediatrics and Neurodisability
- General Paediatrics
- Paediatric Allergy/Immunology
- Paediatric Cardiology
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Endocrinology
- Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Paediatric Haematology
- Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- Paediatric Neonatology
- Paediatric Nephrology
- Paediatric Neurology
- Paediatric Respiratory
- Paediatric Rheumatology

RCPI also offers an International Residency Training Programme in Paediatrics. Please refer to page 28 to learn more.
Who is this Programme for?

**Designed for**
Doctors who have completed their four/five-year National Residency Programme and examinations.

**Duration**
2 years.

**Entry Requirements**
- Completed primary medical degree through English
- Completed a structured internship
- Completed four/five-year National Residency Programme in Paediatrics and incorporated examinations
- Completed Saudi/Arab Board or other approved Board Examinations in Paediatrics
- Eligible to be registered with the Irish Medical Council (Supervised Division)
- Sponsored by a government body
- 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*
- Have at least one year’s experience post-residency training in your chosen specialty

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“The Irish training system is a well structured, comprehensive system and it’s well mentored and supervised by Professors and Consultants. There is continuous medical education including journal clubs, lectures and radiology meetings. The RCPI team and RCPI mentors are supportive, they are always helpful and approachable in answering all questions and helping overcome any challenges or difficulties. I believe RCPI has a good reputation for excellent clinical experiences and as well a friendly environment. Irish hospitals are strong and advanced with high standards. There is always a chance of exposure to a variety of cases as well as being an active participant in research and audit.”

**Dr Laila Al Shaqsi**
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in General Paediatrics, Oman
The Faculty of Pathology is the national professional and training body for Pathology in Ireland, working to ensure the highest standards in laboratory medicine. It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and is proud to meet the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in five Pathology specialties. The Faculty of Pathology develops and monitors training programmes in these specialties and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

Clinical Fellowships available in:

- **Chemical Pathology**
  You must hold FRC Path 1 in Clinical Biochemistry

- **Clinical Microbiology**
  You must hold FRCPath Part 1 in Medical Microbiology

- **Haematology**
  You must hold MRCPI or MRCP(UK) in General Medicine

- **Histopathology**
  You must hold FRCPath Part 1 in Histopathology

- **Immunology**
  (no places available for 2023/2024)
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Certification
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“Being a Trainee with the RCPI was a dream come true for me. One of the most important things I learned from being a Trainee in Ireland is how to improve doctor-patient communication. If you want to understand the meaning of patient-centred care, just come here. There really is person centred care and great doctor patient communication, inside and outside the hospitals.”

Dr Abrar Jamal Al Waheed
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Haematology, Saudi Arabia

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The Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is the national professional and training body for Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Ireland, working to ensure the highest standards in women’s health. It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and is proud to meet the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The Institute develops and monitors training programmes and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

Clinical Fellowships available in:

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- Labour Ward Management
- Maternal Medicine
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- Completed Saudi/Arab Board or other approved Board Examinations in Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
- Eligible to be registered with the Irish Medical Council (Supervised Division)  
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"It is every Trainee's dream to have a Fellowship which is tailored to their needs. I was lucky enough to have this during my training with RCPI. The people are friendly, it was a stress-free training environment, and I felt they respected cultural differences. The registration process was simple and the team were helpful throughout the entire Fellowship. It was a great experience."

**Dr Fatema Al-Washahi**  
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Maternal Medicine, Oman
The Faculty of Public Health Medicine is the national professional and training body for Public Health Medicine in Ireland. It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and is proud to meet the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in Public Health Medicine.

The Faculty of Public Health Medicine develops and monitors training programmes and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

Clinical Fellowship available in:
Public Health Medicine
(no places available for 2023/2024)
Who is this Programme for?

**Designed for**
Doctors who have completed their four/five-year National Residency Programme and examinations.

**Duration**
3 years, the first of which is a Masters Programme in Public Health Medicine.

**Entry Requirements**
- Completed primary medical degree through English
- Completed a structured internship
- Completed four/five-year National Residency Programme and incorporated examinations
- Completed Saudi/Arab Board or other approved Board Examinations in Family Medicine or Internal Medicine
- Eligible to be registered with the Irish Medical Council (Supervised Division)
- Sponsored by a government body
- 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*
- Have at least one year’s experience post-residency training in your chosen specialty

**Desirable**
Priority will be given to candidates who also hold MRCPI or MRCP UK.

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In addition to the general requirements outlined above applicants in certain specialties will also be required to meet specific requirements. See our website (www.rcpi.ie) for further details.

**Certification**
Certificate of Achievement of Clinical Fellowship Training in chosen specialty issued by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

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"I found RCPI training very strong. For me, the continuous development and structured path for each Fellow in each subspecialty, were its strongest points. RCPI staff, as well as my mentors and colleagues, were always supportive and professional. This helped with the challenges of overcoming a new environment."

**Dr Khalid Al Alawi**
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Paediatric Cardiology, Oman
The Faculty of Occupational Medicine is the national professional and training body for Occupational Medicine in Ireland, working to ensure the highest standards in health at work. It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and is proud to meet the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in Occupational Medicine. The Faculty of Occupational Medicine develops and monitors training programmes in these specialties and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

Clinical Fellowship available in:

Occupational Medicine
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Dr Khuloud Al Hammadi
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Occupational Medicine, UAE
APPLICATION PROCESS

09 June 2022  Applications open
15 July 2022  Applications close
Sept – Nov 2022  Interviews
Sept – Nov 2022  Offers
10 July 2023  Start in post

HOW TO APPLY
If you are interested in applying for our International Clinical Fellowship Programme, please visit our website and apply online or contact: RCPI at 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 15 July 2022. If your application is shortlisted, you will be invited for interview across September to November 2022. The date for interview will differ by specialty.

JOIN OUR INFORMATION SESSIONS:
RCPI will be delivering a number of information sessions online and in-person. Click here for more information about our workshops.

MEET THE TEAM

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OUR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

We will next open for applications to our Residency Training Programmes in Autumn 2022.
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.

For those doctors seeking Residency Training, there are Programmes available in:

- Internal Medicine
- Paediatrics

The International Residency Training Programme (IRTP) is a three-year training programme, developed by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. This Programme is fully delivered in Ireland and certified by RCPI.

The purpose of the IRTP is to enable overseas Trainees to gain access to structured training in active clinical environments that they cannot get in their own country. This will enhance and improve the individual’s medical training and learning and, in the medium to long term, the health services in their own countries.

The IRTP is designed to train doctors in the secondary care and prevention of adult and paediatric disease and illness. Training is primarily structured around developing skills and expertise within the core areas of Internal Medicine or Paediatrics.

Contact us for more detailed information about our International Residency Training Programme:

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