

# Eligibility, Application Process and Selection Procedure

## Eligibility

To be eligible an applicant must:

- (i) be a graduate in medicine at or above Registrar level or at an equivalent level as determined by the relevant national training body in Ireland;
- (ii) be an EU citizen or be a graduate from outside the EU with permanent Irish resident status or a valid work permit;
- (iii) be on the register of medical practitioners in Ireland or be entitled to be on that register.

## Application Process

There are two stages to the application process. In the first stage, interested persons should apply to Molecular Medicine Ireland, completing and returning by email the *expression of interest form* available at [http://www.dmmc.ie/MMI\\_Clinician\\_Scientist\\_Fellowship.htm](http://www.dmmc.ie/MMI_Clinician_Scientist_Fellowship.htm) together with a *Curriculum Vitae* as soon as possible but no later than *5pm on Friday 7 December 2007*. Applicants are asked to indicate their first and second choice of host institution among the participating institutions.

Each preliminary application will be referred by Molecular Medicine Ireland to the Dean of the Medical School (or equivalent) in the preferred host institutions indicated by the applicant. The Dean (or equivalent) will invite suitably qualified applicants to discuss their interest in research, their career intentions in relation to academic medicine and the potential of the institution to provide the scientific and clinical mentorship required under the programme. If the participating institution agrees to sponsor an applicant, the applicant and sponsoring institution should complete the full application form which will be provided at that time. The completed full application form should be sent by email to Molecular Medicine Ireland no later than *12 noon on Friday 21 December 2007*.

## Selection Procedure

Fellowships will be awarded by a competitive process and expert peer review. Short-listed applicants will be called for interview in January 2008. The selection criteria on which fellowships will be awarded will be the quality of the applicant, the scientific merit of the research proposal, the applicant's career intentions, the applicant's prior research experience, and the quality of the mentoring and the mentoring environment.