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Ireland Fellows Programme – Africa 2022/23

STAGE 1
Guidance Note for Applicants

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Please read through this document carefully and in its entirety prior to completing the application form.

1 The benefits of studying in Ireland

Ireland is an English-speaking European country which has been a member of the European Union since 1973. Situated on the Western edge of Europe, Ireland is a relatively small, though highly connected, island nation with a population of five million people.

Ireland is an advanced knowledge economy whose focus on education has been at the core to government policy since the country gained independence from Britain in 1922. As a result, Ireland boasts one of the most highly educated populations in the world, ranking 4th globally for the percentage of our population who have completed tertiary education with 56% of 24-35 years olds having attained at least an undergraduate degree. In this regard, Ireland lies ahead of all other English speaking countries in the world, with the exception of Canada, and has the second most educated population in Europe.

Ireland is an open economy and our location, combined with our highly educated workforce, has served to attract significant inward investment over recent decades. Today, Ireland is a leader in the technology, biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors, with most leading international companies choosing Ireland for the location of their European headquarters. With many of the world's biggest and best companies locating their key strategic research facilities here, Ireland offers an unparalleled ecosystem that sees academic researchers working hand-in-hand with small home-grown and start-up companies in partnership with some of the most powerful multinationals on the planet, through shared research projects and programmes, often supported by the Irish government.

Ireland's consciousness of its unique historical legacy has resulted in a higher education system which offers globally recognised expertise in a broad spread of programmes around development, conflict studies, gender, diversity and human rights. Ireland's universities lead the world in terms of their social and economic impact. The 2019 Times Higher Education university impact rankings (based around adherence to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ranked Ireland second in the world due to their strength in promoting good health and well-being, sustainable cities and communities, climate action and partnerships for the SDGs.

Studying at postgraduate level in Ireland offers a unique opportunity to join programmes that are driving innovation and changing lives worldwide.

For more information on studying in Ireland please see: https://www.educationinireland.com

2 Ireland Fellows Programme - Africa

The Ireland Fellows Programme enables early to mid-career professionals from eligible countries, with leadership potential, to benefit from a prestigious, world-class, quality education contributing to capacity building. It offers selected students the opportunity to undertake a fully funded one-year master's level programme at a higher education institution (HEI) in Ireland. The award covers programme fees, flights, accommodation and living costs. Eligible master's level programmes in Ireland commence in August or September each year and, depending on the programme, will run for between 10 and 16 months. The Ireland Fellows Programme promotes gender equality, equal opportunity, and welcomes diversity.

The aims of the Programme are to nurture future leaders; to develop in-country capacity to achieve national SDG goals; and to build positive relationships with Ireland.

The Programme is intended to support graduates on their return home, through the skills they develop, to contribute to capacity building in their home countries and to become one of the next generation of leaders in their respective fields. It is also envisaged that they will contribute to building enduring positive personal and professional relationships with Ireland, promoting institutional linkages.

The Ireland Fellows Programme is fully funded by the Irish Government and is offered under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The Programme aligns with the Irish Government's commitments under <u>Global Ireland</u> and the national implementation plan for the <u>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</u>, <u>The Global Island: Ireland's Foreign Policy for a Changing World, A Better World: Ireland's Policy for International Development</u>, and <u>Ireland's International Education Strategy</u>. The programme is managed by the relevant Embassy responsible for eligible countries. Programme implementation in Ireland is supported by the Irish Council for International Students (ICOS).

Eligibility

To be eligible for an **Ireland Fellows Programme – Africa** award commencing at the beginning of the academic year 2022, applicants must:

• Be a resident national of one of the countries listed below:

Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

For Nigeria, please see the Roger Casement Fellowship page.

For Namibia, please see the Seán Mac Bride Fellowship page.

For South Africa, please see the Kadar Asmal Fellowship page.

For Zambia, please see both this page and the Frank Ferguson Fellowship page.

For African SIDS (Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritius, Seychelles, Sao Tomé and Príncipe), please see the <u>Ireland-SIDS Fellows</u> page.

- Have a minimum of two or three years' substantial work experience that is **directly relevant** to your proposed programme(s) of study, depending on the country (see Page 6 for details).
- Hold a bachelor's level academic qualification from an accredited and government-recognised higher education institution, with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) - i.e. a first class honour, or second class honour, Grade 1 (a second class honour Grade 2 may be accepted if the

applicant has sufficient directly relevant work experience). It must have been awarded in **2010** or later (i.e. within the last 12 years).

- Not already hold a qualification at master's level or higher. Not currently undertaking a programme at master's level or higher, or be due to start a programme at master's level or higher in the academic year 2021/22.
- Be applying to commence a new programme at master's level in Ireland no sooner than August 2022.
- Be able to demonstrate the following: leadership abilities and aspirations; a commitment to the achievement of the SDGs within your own country; and a commitment to contribute to building positive relationships with Ireland.
- Have identified and selected three **relevant** programmes from the Directory of Eligible Programmes.
- Have a clear understanding of the academic and English language proficiencies required for all programmes chosen.
- Must not have applied to the Ireland Fellows Programme on more than one previous occasion.
- Be in a position to take up the Fellowship in the academic year 2022/2023.

In addition, applications are **by invitation only** in the following countries: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia. This means that fellowships in these countries are restricted to the staff of government departments and NGOs which work in partnership with Irish Aid, and to personnel of organisations that are aligned with Irish Aid's development strategy in their country which have already been identified by the Embassy of Ireland. **Applications from outside these partnerships will not be eligible.** To find out if you are eligible to apply, please contact the relevant Embassy of Ireland or your employer.

The **application process** consists of three stages:

• Stage 1 - preliminary application:

Opens 5 July 2021, closes 1 August 2021

A copy of the Stage 1 application form can be found below. This is a short application form which allows our selection panel to assess your eligibility under the various criteria of the Programme. You can download the Stage 1 application form the Embassy of Ireland, South Africa website.

You will be contacted by the Embassy once final decisions have been made and informed whether you have been successful or unsuccessful at Stage 1. Please do not otherwise contact the Irish Embassy during this period.

• Stage 2 - detailed application:

Opens 4 September 2021, closes 26 September 2021

If your Stage 1 application is successful, you will be <u>invited</u> to move on to Stage 2 of the process, and complete a more detailed application form including the submission of all required documents. (*Please see note on page 8 which provides details of all stage 2 requirements*.)

Stage 3 –English language tests and interviews:
 (Please see note on page 9 which provides details of all stage 3 requirements).

3. Stage 1 Application - Detailed guidance notes for applicants

Please read through these notes fully before you submit your Stage 1 application.

Documentation required:

The Stage 1 process is a preliminary application which seeks information under the headings detailed below and requires you to submit a <u>scanned copy</u> of the following documents with your application form:

- 1. Official identification: either your passport (only the identity page is required), or other official identification document if you do not have a passport at this time;
- 2. Your undergraduate degree award certificate;
- 3. Final degree academic transcripts. Please also include the explanation of the grading system, where provided with your transcript or otherwise available.

Your application will not be valid unless copies of the above documents are included.

Submitting applications:

Applications must be typed and be submitted by email to the relevant Embassy of Ireland at the email address below:

Relevant Embassy	Responsible for applicants	Email address
of Ireland	from:	
Ethiopia	Ethiopia	ethiopiafellowships@dfa.ie
	South Sudan	
	Djibouti	
Kenya	Kenya	nairobifellowships@dfa.ie
	Eritrea	
	Somalia	
	Sudan	
Liberia	Liberia	monrovia.fellowships@dfa.ie
Malawi	Malawi	malawifellowships@dfa.ie
Mozambique	Mozambique	Mozambiquefellowships@dfa.ie
Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	SierraLeoneFellowships@dfa.ie
South Africa	Lesotho	SouthAfricaFellowships@dfa.ie
	Zimbabwe	
Tanzania	Tanzania	<u>TanzaniaFellowships@dfa.ie</u>
Uganda	Uganda	<u>UgandaFellowships@dfa.ie</u>
	Rwanda	
Zambia	Zambia	Zambiafellowships@dfa.ie

Q1. Personal information:

You will be asked to provide your name, gender, nationality, country of residence, date of birth and contact details.

Q2. Education:

This section requests information on your undergraduate qualification, the institution attended and the dates of study. This qualification must be accredited and have been awarded by a government-recognised university or college. It must have been awarded by **2010** or later (i.e. within the last 12 years).

Preferably your degree should be at first class honour or higher-second class level. A lower secondclass degree will be considered if the applicant has sufficient directly relevant work experience. Please include a scanned copy of your undergraduate degree award certificate **and, if available,** your undergraduate degree academic transcript indicating your final grade.

English language proficiency:

Irish higher education institutions require a high standard of English language proficiency and this must be formally certified, normally through the International English Language Test (IELTS-www.IELTS.org).

IELTS examines competency in the English language across reading, writing, speaking and listening and is necessary for admission to all Irish HEIs – <u>there are no exceptions</u>. Most HEIs require a score of 6.5 overall, but some require a higher overall score, or specific scores within each band. The Ireland Fellows Programme Directory of Eligible Programmes will indicate the levels required for each programme. It is the applicant's responsibility to be aware of the IELTS score required for all the programmes selected.

You can apply through stage 1 of this process without having completed your IELTS test; however, you must have noted the IELTS score required for your selected programmes and considered whether you can achieve this grade.

If you have completed an IELTS test, provide full details as requested under question 2 of the application form and note that the test is only valid if completed within 24 months of the proposed commencement of your studies in Ireland (i.e. September 2022).

If you already have an English language test result from an exam other than the IELTS exam, this may also be accepted. Please include details as requested.

Q3. Work experience:

All applicants must have a minimum amount of work experience that is **relevant to their proposed programme(s) of study**, but the minimum requirement varies by country. Please consult the table below:

Min. 2 years' RELEVANT work experience required	Min. 3 years' RELEVA	Min. 3 years' RELEVANT work experience required		
Uganda	• Djibouti	 Mozambique 		
Rwanda	 Eritrea 	 Somalia 		
Kenya	 Ethiopia 	 South Sudan 		
Zimbabwe	 Lesotho 	Sudan		
Sierra Leone	 Liberia 	 Zambia 		
Tanzania	 Malawi 			

You will be asked to name your employing organisation, provide your job title and indicate (in years and months) how long you have worked with this organisation. You are also asked to provide details of previous work experience you may have. **This may include internships** - 1 year working as an intern will be considered equivalent to 6 months' work experience when evaluating applications. **If you are currently unemployed, please include your previous work experience here.**

You are asked to provide brief details of any leadership positions you hold, or have held in the past. Leadership roles can include those held in work, in volunteer work, within social activism, in community organisations, as class/work representative, or college roles.

Q4. Master's programme choices:

Using the Ireland Fellows Programme Directory of Eligible Programmes, you are asked to list details of the three master's programmes you would like to pursue in Ireland, ranked in order of choice (1, 2, 3). To maximise your chances of receiving a course place offer should you be selected to go forward as a Candidate, it is strongly recommended that the three programmes are in three different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), where available. In choosing these programmes, please take account of their relevance to your career aspirations and to achieving the SDGs in your country.

Please make sure that you have a clear understanding of the academic and English language proficiencies required for all programmes chosen. Please also ensure you have the minimum amount of work experience that is **directly relevant** to these programmes (see Q3). If you are selected to go forward as a Candidate and are invited to make programme applications to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Ireland, the HEIs will consider your academic and work experience as part of your application, so it is important to keep this in mind when selecting the three programmes.

Q5. Why do you wish to be considered for a Fellowship in Ireland?

The final question provides you with an opportunity to show how your goals align with those of the Ireland Fellows Programme, which are to nurture future leaders; to develop in-country capacity to achieve national SDG goals; and to build positive relationships with Ireland.

Your response under the following three headings (<u>no more than 80 words each</u>) should explain your motivation for applying for this Fellowship:

- How the specific programmes of study in Ireland which you have chosen would assist you in your career aspirations;
- How they would help you work towards achieving your country's national SDG goals;
- How you would propose to develop links between your country and Ireland.

You are expected to demonstrate some knowledge of Ireland and Irish higher education.

Declaration

Please read carefully and acknowledge as requested.

*** FOR INFORMATION – STAGE 2 APPLICATION PROCESS***

Stage 2 opens 4 September 2021 and closes on 26 September 2021.

If, following assessment of Stage 1 of the application process, you are invited to complete the Stage 2 application form, please note that you will be required to accompany that application with a number of important documents. Stage 2 applications and supporting documents are submitted by email.

Documents required:

- 1. One recent passport-sized photograph;
- 2. A copy of the graduation certificate for <u>all</u> higher education qualifications you have completed;
- 3. A copy of the academic transcripts for <u>all</u> higher education qualifications you have completed. Please also include the explanation of the grading system, where provided with your transcript or otherwise available;
- Letters from two academic referees on official letterhead with contact details for the referee and original signatures. These references must be from academics who have taught you personally;
- A copy of the identity page of your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, another form of certified official identification must be provided;

If you are shortlisted following Stage 2 and the interview process you will be <u>required</u> to submit a certified copy of the identify page of your passport. (If your existing passport expires before December 2023, you will be asked to provide a new passport if you are shortlisted after Stage 3.)

6. Your original IELTS score report, if available. Please note that this test must have been taken in September 2020 or later;

If you already have an English language test result from an exam other than the IELTS exam, this may also be accepted. Please include with your application form.

If you are shortlisted following Stage 2 and the interview process and you do not have the English language certification required for your master's programme in Ireland, you will be required to take the examination and pass it to the standard required. Please see the following section on Stage 3 of the Application Process.

7. Your current C.V.

*** FOR INFORMATION - STAGE 3 APPLICATION PROCESS***

If, following assessment of Stage 2 of the application process, you are invited to Stage 3, please note the following:

- Stage 3 Applicants who do not yet have the English language certification required for their
 master's programmes in Ireland will be provided with a coupon in order to take the Duolingo
 English language test. This is an online test that can be taken at home. In some cases the
 Embassy of Ireland may provide an alternative English language test for applicants;
- Stage 3 Applicants who either already have the English language certification required for their chosen master's programmes in Ireland, or who achieve a score of 110 on Duolingo, will be invited for interview. Interviews will take place in October, November and December 2021, and may take place either in person or remotely by video or telephone conference;
- Applicants who are invited to interview will be required to provide certified copies of their documents. The submitted documents must bear the official stamp and signature of the certifying authority. Where original documents are not in English, certified true copies of official English translations should be provided. Photocopies of certified documents will not be accepted;
- Applicants shortlisted following interview who do not yet have the English language certification required for their master's programmes in Ireland will be invited to take the IELTS English Test, or in some cases another accepted English language test, and will need to pass it to the standard required for their selected programmes. If an applicant does not achieve the minimum English language requirements for their chosen courses, their Fellowship application will have concluded.

Applicants shortlisted following interview

Applicants shortlisted following interview, who have the English language certification required for their master's programmes in Ireland, will be notified whether they have been selected to go forward to the next stage of the process as either a Candidate or a Reserve Candidate.

Applicants selected to go forward to the next stage of the process as a **Candidate** will be notified that their application will be forwarded to the management agency for the Ireland Fellows Programme. Once their documentation is verified and in order, they will be provided with information on making programme applications to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in spring 2022. Applications should not be made to HEIs in Ireland until invited to do so. Application fees will be paid by the Department of Foreign Affairs for shortlisted Candidates.

Those applicants placed on a **reserve list of candidates** will be contacted if a place becomes available, and at that point will be invited to commence applications to their chosen programmes of study in Ireland.

When Candidates are invited to apply to HEIs in Ireland, priority will be given to their choices in the order they have listed them in their application. Candidates will be invited to apply to <u>two</u> programmes, normally their top ranked programme and either their second or third choice. In the case of more than one offer being received from their programme choices, all candidates will be

required, for logistical reasons, to accept the programme which they have ranked highest within their application.

Programme place offers are entirely at the discretion of the HEIs in Ireland. If a Candidate does not receive an offer from either of their two HEI applications, their Fellowship application will have concluded.

Candidates who receive a programme place offer will go forward to the last stage of the application process, which is the confirmation of the award of Fellowship places in June/early July 2022. The academic year in Ireland is from autumn 2022 to summer/autumn 2023.

Please note that a medical form is required for successful Fellows before travel to Ireland so that, where appropriate, we can discuss with them any necessary supports.

Ireland Fellows Programme - Stage 1 Application Form 2022/23

ONLY TYPED APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL ARE ACCEPTABLE

The closing date for receipt of Stage 1 applications and accompanying documents is 1 August 2021.

Applications should be submitted by email to the relevant Embassy of Ireland (see page 5 of the **Guidance Note for contact details).**

Before completing this Application Form, please carefully read the Guidance Note for Applicants

Have you included a scanned copy of the following documents with your application? Your application will

	nc	ot be valid unless copies of these documents are included.			
	2.	Official identification: either your passport (only the identity page is required), or other official identification document if you do not have a passport at this time. Your undergraduate degree award certificate. Your undergraduate degree academic transcript, if available at this time. Please also include the explanation of the grading system, where provided with your transcript or otherwise available.			
	Application Summary				
•	I a	m a national of and am resident in			
•		ave years of substantial work experience that is directly relevant to my proposed programme(s) study.			
•		old a bachelor's level academic qualification from an accredited and government-recognised higher ucation institution, awarded since 2010, with a final overall grade of			
•	I do not already hold a qualification at master's level or higher. I am not currently undertaking a programme at master's level or higher, and I am not due to start a programme at master's level or higher in the academic year 2021/22.				

1. Personal information:			Embassy Code No.
Surname			
First or given name as it appears	s on your passport or official document		
Gender			
Nationality			
Country of residence			
Date of birth (day/month/ye	ar)	/ /	
Contact details			
Phone no.			
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B) Other <u>academic qualifica</u>	tions	'	1
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English language test:				
IELTS test results (if available)	Date: / / (Day/Month/Year)			
Date of test: (day/month/year)				
Must be dated September 2020 or later	Overall score:			
	Writing score:			
	Reading score:			
	Speaking score:			
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language test (e.g. TOEFL), please provide details here	Date:			
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3. Work Experience: Please refer to Guidance Note for A A) Your employing organisation*	чррнсать			
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How long have you worked with this organisation?	years and months			
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	<u>positions</u> you have held with <u>this</u> organisation, indicating your job			
title and start and finish dates (month/year).				
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C) If you have previous work experience outside the o	rganisation where you currently work, please state your job title			
	clude internships - 1 year working as an intern will be considered			
	ting applications. If you are currently unemployed, please include			
your previous work experience here.	T			
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D) Total number of years' relevant work experience Please provide the total number of years of work experience	years and months			
directly relevant to your proposed programme(s) of study.	e that is			
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E) Please provide brief details of leadership positions you hold or have held in the past (e.g. in work, in volunteer work,				

within social activism, in community organisations, as class/work representative, or college roles).

(month/year)

to to

Position

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before completing this question.					
	University/college name	Full programme title	Programme code Can be found on HEI master's programme website		
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Please 6	explain your motivation for applying	for this Fellowship under the following heading	ngs:		
a)	a) How would the specific programmes of study in Ireland which you have chosen assist you in your career aspirations? (80 words)				
b)	How would the programmes of study in Ireland help you work towards achieving your country's national SDG goals? (80 words)				
c)	c) How would you propose to contribute to links between your country and Ireland? (80 words)				
Do not	exceed the word limit.				
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Please ensure you have carefully read through the <u>Directory of Eligible Programmes</u> and the <u>Guidance Note for Applicants</u>

4. Master's programme choices in Ireland:

DECLARA [*]	TION
I ackno	wledge that the information and documents I submit as part of my application will be shared with:
(i)	the management agency for the Ireland Fellows Programme
(ii)	the Irish Embassy, and
(iii)	the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs
information information	r application form is received, we create a record in your name, which contains much of the personal n you have supplied. This personal record is used solely in processing your candidature. Such n held is subject to the rights and obligations set out in the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General ction Regulation (GDPR).
Department the national	Fellows Programme is fully funded by the Irish Government and is offered under the auspices of the at of Foreign Affairs (DFA). It aligns with the Irish Government's commitment under Global Ireland and al implementation plan for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Ireland's Policy for International ent, and Ireland's International Education Strategy.
•	ment of Foreign Affairs (the Department) is committed to protecting your personal data and your is Data Privacy Notice lets you know how, and why, we use your personal information.
as lawful b lawful to th programm the Constit Internation	ement has identified Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR and Section 38(1)(b) of the Data Protection Act 2018 asses for processing your personal data. Section 38(1) provides that processing of personal data is ne extent that it is necessary and proportionate for the administration of any non-statutory scheme, e or funds where the legal basis is a function of a controller conferred by or under an enactment or rution". In addition to the provisions of Bunreacht na hÉireann/the Constitution of Ireland and the nal Treaties which guide Ireland's foreign policy work, the power to collect and process data, is to the Department by The Ministers & Secretaries Acts 1924 to 2017.
Officer, car	n on your rights under the GDPR, including the contact details of the Department's Data Protection be found here: w.dfa.ie/media/dfa/alldfawebsitemedia/aboutus/Data-Privacy-Notice.pdf
The Depart	ment reserves the right to amend this privacy notice and an updated notice will be issued where
We do should	ead and understand the following: not ask whether applicants have a criminal record at the application stage. However, applicants note that a criminal record may be a reason for a refusal of a visa or for entry to Ireland. If an nt has a query about this, they are advised to contact the relevant Irish Embassy.
☐ I certify	that all the information I have given is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Name	
Date:	/ / (Day/Month/Year)

Where did you hear about the Fellowship Programme?				
Social Media (please specify Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp) University/College Through your Employer Word of Mouth Radio/Newspaper Government Source (please specify) Other (please specify)				