

INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

BECOME A WORLD-CLASS SPECIALIST

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3 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.

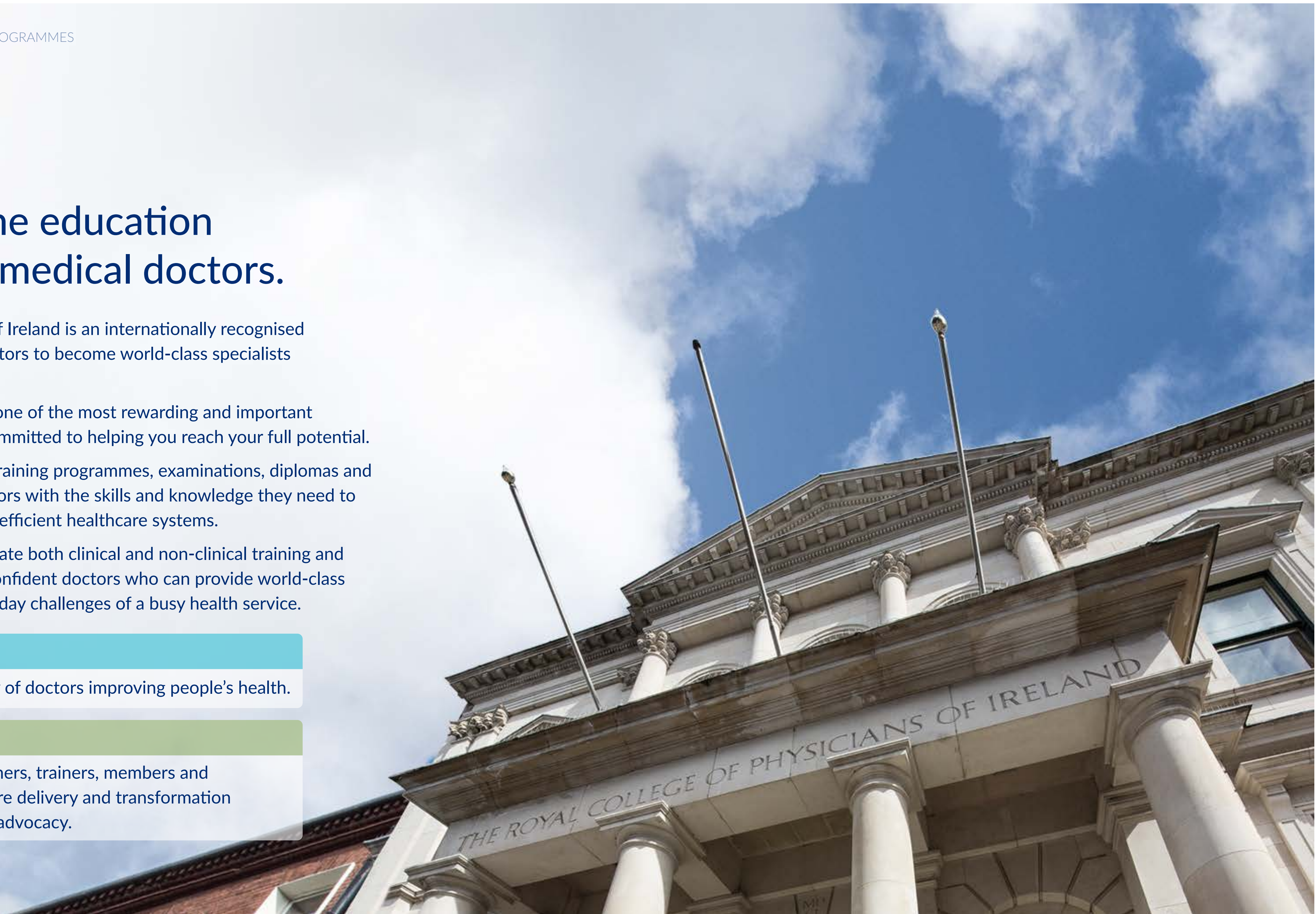
Our training programmes incorporate both clinical and non-clinical training and are designed to produce skilled, confident doctors who can provide world-class medical care and handle the everyday challenges of a busy health service.

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.



4 WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

While our role in society has undergone profound change 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. We are a forward-thinking and dynamic organisation, recognised nationally and internationally for excellence in medical education.

You are invited to join our globally connected community of 13,000 doctors across the world. Doctors can train in 29 specialties and the College has over 1000 Clinical leads. This shared expertise and international reach 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.

The college has welcomed over 180 doctors onto our International Residency and Clinical Fellowship

Programmes in Ireland, and we have a rich network of international partnerships facilitating the transfer of knowledge, skills and expertise across borders.

Our programmes offer opportunities for international medical graduates to work, learn and experience life in Ireland. During your time in Ireland, you will develop valuable clinical skills and exchange experiences with clinical teams providing medical care in a range of settings and institutions. If you train with us, you will hone your clinical skills and have the opportunity to develop as a leader. You will return home equipped with world-class skills and training, a global perspective on the opportunities and challenges in healthcare, and the knowledge and confidence to drive change in your country.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland and supporting you as you broaden your medical training and become a leader in your chosen specialty.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Diarmuid O'Shea
President, RCPI



5 WELCOME FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

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



6 WHY IRELAND?

Ireland is a friendly and welcoming country, the perfect place to call home while completing your training to progress your medical career. Nestled on the western fringe of Europe it is easily accessible from anywhere in the world, with excellent links throughout Europe, and just over 7 hours flight time Dublin to Dubai.

The climate is mild, moist, and changeable, with abundant rainfall and no temperature extremes. You can experience all four seasons in one day if you're lucky! The weather makes it easy to explore the breathtaking beauty of Ireland's landscape, renowned worldwide as the "Emerald Isle." From the ancient wonders of Ireland's Ancient East to the hidden treasures of the Heartlands and the rugged allure of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Ireland is a safe place to live alone or with family, it is recognised as one of the safest countries in the world. In 2023, it ranked 3rd on the Global Peace Index. Higher Education in Ireland rank high internationally.

As a nation, Ireland embraces innovation and entrepreneurship, tackling challenges with fresh perspectives. This spirit is evident in our postgraduate

medical training, where we continuously seek new solutions to once seemingly insurmountable problems.

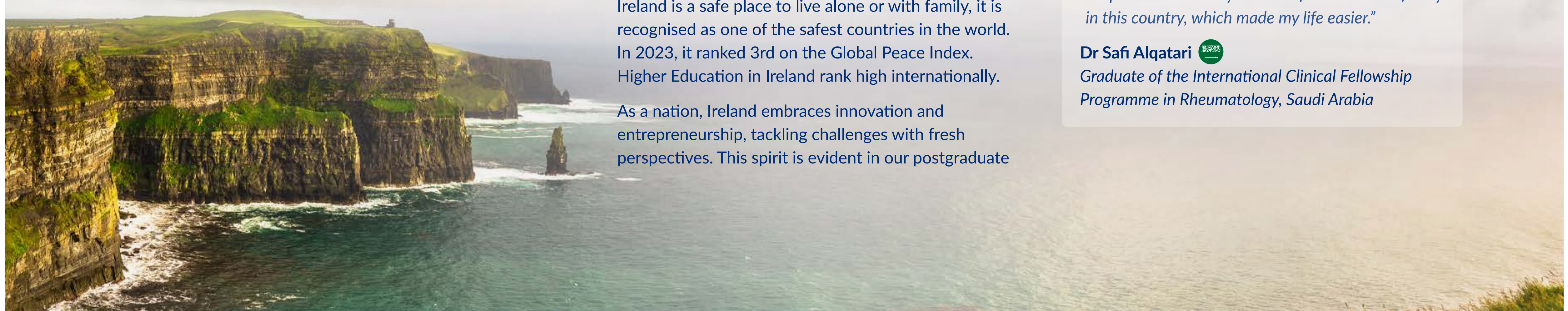
Ireland's educational excellence shines globally, particularly in the medical realm. Renowned for delivering top-tier educational programs, Ireland attracts over 35,000 international students from 161 countries.

Join a vibrant academic community where quality meets diversity, enriching your learning experience like never before.

"When I came to Ireland, I received excellent support from everyone, including the RCPI, the Saudi Cultrual 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



7 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 spent two years' training in Cork University Hospital as part of the International Clinical Fellowship programme in Medical Oncology. Throughout my training, I had the opportunity to work with highly experienced consultants across a diverse range of subspecialties in the field of Medical Oncology. The team in Cork University Hospital were very supportive and enabled me to gain excellent exposure to many patients. Also, I was directly involved in clinics, teaching and research which was very beneficial for me. The programme was challenging and rewarding as it truly encouraged me to become a better doctor."

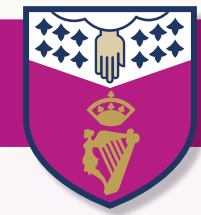
Dr Shaikha Aleisae 

Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Medical Oncology, Saudi Arabia



8 OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE



- Adolescent Transitional Rheumatology - **NEW**
- Cardiology
- Clinical Genetics
- Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Geriatric Oncology - **NEW**
- Infectious Diseases
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Interventional Pulmonology - **NEW**
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Obesity Medicine - **NEW**
- Palliative Medicine
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Respiratory Medicine
- Rheumatology

FACULTY OF PAEDIATRICS



- Adolescent Medicine/Mental Health
- Clinical Risk, Safety, Healthcare Informatics & General Paediatrics - **NEW**
- Developmental Paediatrics and Neurodisability
- General Paediatrics
- Interventional Pulmonology - **NEW**
- Paediatric Allergy/Immunology
- Paediatric Allergy and Pulmonology
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Endocrinology
- Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Paediatric Haematology
- Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- Paediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease - **NEW**
- Paediatric Nephrology
- Paediatric Neurology
- Paediatric Oncology
- Paediatric Rehabilitation Medicine
- Paediatric Respiratory
- Paediatric Rheumatology

FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE



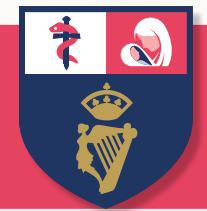
- Public Health Medicine

FACULTY OF PATHOLOGY



- Chemical Pathology
- Clinical Microbiology
- Haematology
- Histopathology

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS



- Advanced Medical Education - **NEW**
- Advanced Gynaecological Surgery - **NEW**
- Fertility Care - IVF and Reproductive Medicine - **NEW**
- Gynaecology Surgery
- Labour Ward Management
- Maternal Medicine
- Urogynaecology

FACULTY OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH



- Occupational Medicine

9 HANDS-ON CLINICAL 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 experience 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 specialities."

Dr Yousef Alammari 
Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship
Programme in Rheumatology, Saudi Arabia



10 TRAIN WITH A CONSULTANT



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 a minimum of two different hospitals. You will follow a structured curriculum led by 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.

11 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 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

Acquired Skills:

- + 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

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

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:

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
- + 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
- + Identify and anticipate the ethical dilemmas from an ethical/legal framework
- + Describe the role of a Research Ethics Committee
- + Consider what makes research ethically sound
- + Outline key considerations when applying for research ethics approval
- + Describe how to protect vulnerable groups in research

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

Acquired Skills:

- + Defining 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

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

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

Acquired Skills:

- + 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

Our training centres are accredited teaching hospitals with ongoing research in many areas, and trainees are encouraged to take part in these research projects.

13 SUPPORTING YOUR MOVE TO IRELAND



We understand 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 Fellowship 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

Discover the unparalleled advantage of pursuing advanced specialist training in Ireland! Our unique

program offers training within prestigious hospital groupings, ensuring you receive top-notch education and experience.

When you join our program and secure a position at your chosen training site, we go above and beyond to support you and your loved ones. From arranging comfortable accommodations to ensuring seamless schooling for your family members, we're committed to making your transition smooth and stress-free.

With our dedicated assistance, you can focus wholeheartedly on your professional growth, knowing the support from RCPI during your life in Ireland. Experience excellence in training and unmatched support – embark on your journey with us today!

“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



**INSTITUTE
OF MEDICINE**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

14 THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

The Institute of Medicine is the national training body for General Medicine in Ireland.

It has over 1,000 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 18 specialties. The Institute of Medicine develops and monitors training programmes in these specialties and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

You must have full MRCPI as a minimum standard.

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

Clinical Fellowships available in:

Cardiology

Clinical Genetics

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Dermatology

Endocrinology

Gastroenterology

Geriatric Medicine

Infectious Diseases

Medical Oncology

Nephrology

Neurology

Rehabilitation Medicine

Respiratory Medicine

Rheumatology

RCPI also offers an International Residency Training Programme in Internal Medicine. Please refer to page 28 to learn more.





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“The RCPI International Clinical Fellowship Programme is excellent. It allowed me independence in handling cases, yet I had the benefit of being supervised when I needed it. I had access to world-class experts, professional mentoring and also great networking opportunities. It has helped me to develop my clinical practice, leadership and management skills. This has given me great confidence. I am back in my home country now. My training is greatly valued here and I have been asked to establish new services in my hospital.”

Dr Mahmood Al Hinai 

Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Neurology, Oman

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 relevant to 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.



**FACULTY OF
PAEDIATRICS**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

16 FACULTY OF PAEDIATRICS

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.

RCPI also offers an International Residency Training Programme in Paediatrics. Please refer to [page 28](#) to learn more.

Clinical Fellowships available in:

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





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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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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 relevant to your chosen specialty

Desirable

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**FACULTY OF
PATHOLOGY**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

18 FACULTY OF PATHOLOGY

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

Histopathology

You must hold FRCPath Part 1 in Histopathology

Immunology (Not available for 2026/2027)

*A new International Residency Training Programme in Histopathology is coming soon. Please, refer to **page 28** to learn more*





“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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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 and FRCPath Part 1 in your chosen area– 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 relevant to your chosen specialty

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20 INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS

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:

Gynaecology Surgery

Labour Ward Management

Maternal Medicine

Urogynaecology

*A new International Residency Training Programme in Obstetrics and Gynaecology is coming soon. Please, refer to **page 28** to learn more*





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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

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 Obstetrics and Gynaecology and incorporated examinations
- Completed Saudi/Arab Board or other approved Board Examinations in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- 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*
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**FACULTY OF
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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





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“Ireland has a strong reputation internationally for excellence in medical training. During my two years of training in Ireland, I was privileged to work with some of the leaders in Medical Oncology. I felt supported and respected both as a doctor and as a mother. Aside from the professional gain, I have learned the true meaning of mentorship, team work, and collaboration.”

Dr Maha Al Sindi 

Graduate of the International
Clinical Fellowship Programme in
Medical Oncology, Bahrain

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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 relevant to your chosen specialty

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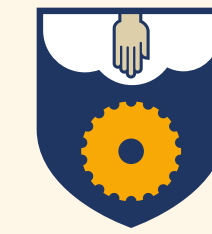
Clinical Fellowship available in:

Occupational Medicine

Occupational Medicine Pathway

RCPI has developed a pathway designed to provide occupational medicine experience and preparation for the LFOM (Licentiate of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine) to trainees in a supportive environment before joining the 2-year International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Occupational Medicine.

For more information contact the Global Training and Partnership Team at internationalaffairs@rcpi.ie



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“I am privileged and honoured to be the first RCPI International Trainee from the Clinical Fellowship Programme in Occupational Medicine. I had the opportunity to be trained and taught by the experts in the field. I’m grateful for all the support that was provided to me and my family during the two years of training. I believe I have progressed tremendously, on both a professional and personal level and I am confident that I am able to bring the knowledge and the best occupational health practices that I have learned to my beloved country.”

Dr Khuloud Al Hammadi 

Graduate of the International
Clinical Fellowship Programme in
Occupational Medicine, UAE

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 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 relevant to your chosen specialty
- The RCPI Licentiate of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (LFOM) exam is required to start on this Programme. However, it is not required for application or interview and can be achieved after a doctor receives an offer of a post. Please see our website for more information on how to apply for the LFOM.

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26 APPLICATION PROCESS

02 April 2025 Applications open

08 June 2025 Applications close

September 2025 Interviews

September 2025 Offers

July 2026 Start in post

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27 OUR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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28 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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:

Just launched:

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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