

# The ISTG Future Trainers Fellowship Grant



The ISTG Future Trainers Fellowship in Surgery is an award to promote the acquisition of additional surgical skills and knowledge that will contribute to surgical training and practice in Ireland.

The Fellowship is open to Fellows of the College who are in, or have completed within the previous two years, a higher surgical training programme (or equivalent) in Ireland.

The Fellowship, which must be full-time, is tenable for one year abroad and includes a Medal, stipend and travel allowance up to a maximum amount of €10,000.

## Description

This prestigious Fellowship is awarded by the Irish Surgical Training Group to promote the acquisition of additional surgical training and practice in Ireland on return to a consultancy post in Ireland.

The successful candidate will be awarded a fellowship grant up to a maximum amount of €10,000. They will also be awarded the ISTG Future Trainers Medal. The Fellowship Grant will be presented at the annual ISTG Silver Scalpel Award evening.

## Criteria

Among the criteria which the Selection Board will consider in making recommendations will be:

- Academic and training record of the applicant
- Previous demonstration of involvement and commitment to surgical training and teaching
- Reputation of host institution
- Value of learning experience to Irish surgical training and practice

## Eligibility

Applications will be considered from the following candidates:

- Surgical trainees who, at the date of application, are at an advanced stage of surgical training in Republic of Ireland and have been awarded their FRCS examination
- Fellows of RCSI who have been awarded their CCST in the island of Ireland within the previous two years
- Fellowships being undertaken following CCST

Out of programme training years will not be considered

## Application Process

The application process requires candidates to:

1. Complete the below application form, providing details of their proposed Fellowship. The application form should be forwarded to [irishsurgicaltraininggroup@gmail.com](mailto:irishsurgicaltraininggroup@gmail.com) with the subject title 'ISTG Future Trainers Fellowship Grant' for consideration .
2. Submit alongside the application
  - A supporting reference from a peer or near-peer who has benefited from their mentoring and technical skills teaching
  - A supporting reference from a consultant who has observed their intra operative teaching
  - A copy of their Curriculum Vitae
  - Written acknowledgement from the unit to be visited

Application form is [available online](#). It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her completed application is received in full before the closing date.

## Governance

- Governance is a critical aspect for internal applicants seeking the fellowship grant. To uphold the principles of transparency and mitigate the risk of nepotism, all fellowship grant applications will undergo a blinded review process. This means that identifying names, affiliations, and personal details will be removed from the applications before they are evaluated by the selection committee.
- By anonymising applications, the focus will solely be on the merits of proposals, ensuring fair and impartial assessment. This approach reinforces our commitment to equity and fairness, allowing each applicant's qualifications and ideas to be evaluated on their own merit, irrespective of personal connections, previous relationships to the committee or biases.
- Blinding the applications underscores our dedication to fostering a transparent and merit-based selection process, leading to the recruitment of the most qualified candidates for the fellowship grant.

## Report

Recipients of the ISTG Future Trainers Fellowship Grant must provide the ISTG with a full report on completion. Reports from the awards may be published on the web page and the award recipients will be invited to make a presentation at the ISTG Charter Week session on their fellowship. Recipients must acknowledge the support of the ISTG and any associated sponsor in presentations arising because of the award(s).

## Closing Date for 2026 Award

For the 2026 awards, applications will close April 30th 2026

The ISTG accepts no responsibility for any personal tax liability arising in any jurisdiction from the receipt of this Fellowship grant.