



Translational Summer Studentship 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

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Who can apply?

1. I am a medical student, am I eligible to apply?

Yes, we are accepting applications from students who are studying for an undergraduate degree and have an interest in translational biomedical cancer research.

2. I am a final year student, am I eligible for a Summer Studentship award?

No, you must not be in the final year of your degree.

3. Are the studentships available for students to study abroad?

No, the research must take place at a host institution in the Republic of Ireland. This must be one of the HRB's [approved host institutions](#).

4. Are non-Irish citizens living in the Republic of Ireland eligible to apply?

Yes, if you are a non-Irish citizen but are studying in Ireland, and you meet the eligibility criteria, you can apply for a studentship. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they are eligible to study in Ireland.

5. Are studentships tenable for individuals studying in Northern Ireland?

Studentships are tenable only for researchers who will conduct their research in the Republic of Ireland.

6. Is there an upper age limit to the application?

No, there is no upper age limit.

7. As a pharmacy student, which studentship am I eligible for?

Eligibility will depend on the research project rather than your undergraduate degree. Your research project should align with the studentship that you are applying for.

Translational Biomedical Research Project Eligibility

1. What does translational biomedical research mean?

Translational research can be defined as “bench to bedside”, or patient-focused research. The aim of translational biomedical research is to translate existing knowledge about cancer biology into techniques and tools that will accelerate progress towards patient benefit. Non-biomedical based translational projects will not be considered.

2. I am unsure if my project is eligible, how do I ask for advice?

If you have any concerns please contact grants@irishcancer.ie.

Supervision

1. Does the Irish Cancer Society provide students with a supervisor?

No, it is the applicant's responsibility to find a suitable supervisor.

2. How do I find a supervisor? Can the Irish Cancer Society help me?

We understand that students may not have had much research experience yet and may not know who is conducting cancer research in Ireland. The Irish Cancer Society cannot find a suitable supervisor for applicants. We recommend approaching principle investigators, in an area of cancer research you are interested in, about the possibility of working on a project together. This should be done well in advance of the application deadline.

3. Can a supervisor sponsor more than one student for separate projects who are both applying for a Scholarship?

Yes, a supervisor can sponsor more than one studentship applicant, provided they are submitting different projects.

4. Can a supervisor sponsor a project more than once but with different applicants who are both applying for a Studentship?

No, a project cannot be submitted more than once. Applications with the same project from different applicants will be automatically discounted.

Funding

1. Is there an overall limit for the amount of funding granted?

There is a €2,500 stipend to cover the student's costs over the course of the 8-week project.

The funding does not cover consumables.

2. How many Irish Cancer Society Translational Research Studentships are available?

There are two translational studentships available in 2022.

Application Deadline

1. Does the supervisor have to approve the application by this deadline?

Yes, your proposed supervisor has to approve the application by this deadline. They can do this through their online portal.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their application is approved by the supervisor before the deadline. Please ensure that the application is submitted with sufficient time allowed for the supervisor to approve.

Start of Studentship

1. When does the successful applicant commence their programme?

The successful applicant will begin their summer studentship no earlier than June 2022.