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ICAT is opening for fellowship applications on the 25th August 2020; the **deadline for receipt of applications is the 28th September 2020**. The fellowship interviews will take place in Dublin on 2nd and 3rd December 2020. Successful candidates will take up their fellowships in July 2021.

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