



# Academic Track for Internship in Ireland



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# What is the Academic Track?

New initiative for 2017

4 academic internship posts for each network (24 nationally)

Combined clinical and academic experience

Provides experience for interns in one of the following areas:

- Clinical research
- Medical Education
- Leadership and Healthcare Management

# What is the Academic Track?

- Protected time within the working week to carry out a project in an area of interest to you
- Academic Supervisor to provide guidance and support
- Workshops/ Seminars
- Possibility of receiving a bursary to cover research costs
- **In addition to** achieving clinical competencies of intern year

# Who is it for?

- Do you have an interest in:
  - Research
  - Medical education
  - Healthcare management
- Do you want to achieve a substantial project in your intern year?
- Do you want real-life academic/management experience in addition to your clinical experience?
- Have you got the drive and ambition to achieve these goals on top of what is already required of you as an intern?

# Who is it for?

- Have you got prior research experience, e.g. Intercalated MSc or publication?
- **Have you already applied to the UK Academic Foundation Programme**
- If yes to any of the above the you should consider applying for the Academic Track

# What do Academic Interns need to Achieve?

- Project
  - research paper
  - education initiative
  - quality improvement project
- Collaborate with academic supervisor to agree on realistic and manageable project
- Attend additional workshops and seminars
- **In addition to** mandatory training requirements and clinical competencies of intern training year

# Who can apply?

- Same eligibility criteria as for standard internship
- Separate recruitment process
- Posts still allocated on the same basis as standard internship with respect to entry into medical school (i.e. CAO/non-CAO, EEA/non-EEA status)

# How to apply

- Stage 1: Indicate interest in applying for academic internship
- Between stage 1 and stage 2: update your CV and start thinking about a project and where you want to do it
- If you progress through stage 1, you will be contacted and asked to provide further documentation (e.g. CV) (Jan)
- Rank networks (not posts)
- Continue with your stage 2 application for the standard match
- Shortlisting takes place followed by interview (Jan/Feb)



# How to apply

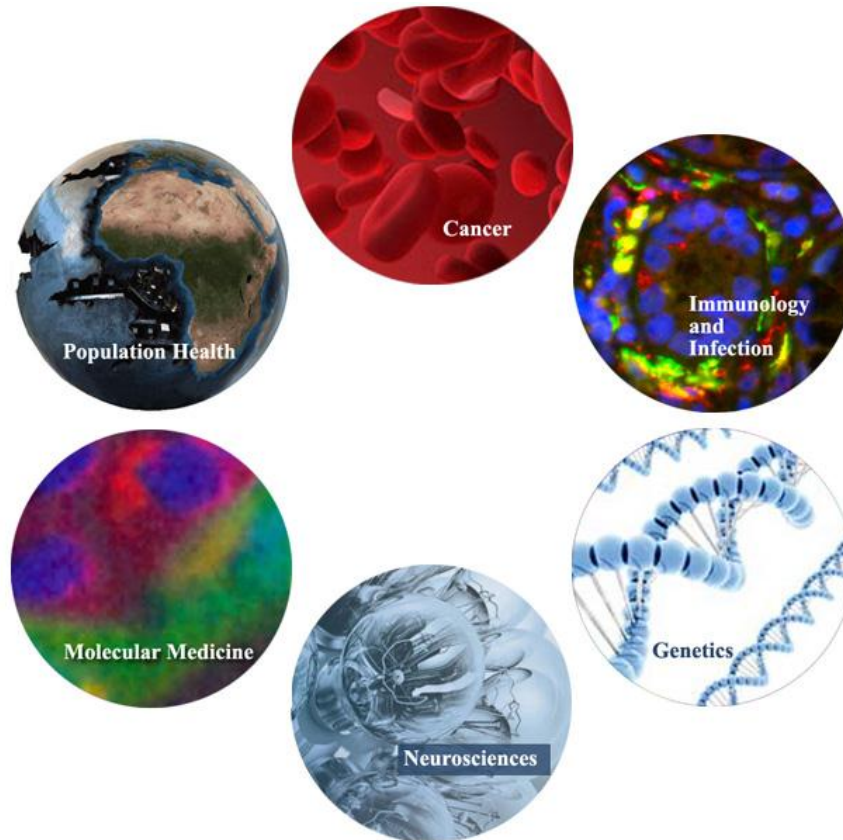
- If you are successful at interview: **conditional offer** of a place on the academic track (around Feb/Mar)
- Offer is contingent on your eligibility and passing your exams
- Decline the place/unsuccessful application: return to standard matching process
- **Once you accept the place you are removed from the standard matching process – you will not receive another offer**
- Now you can contact your academic supervisor and start planning your project!

# Why apply?

- Invaluable opportunity to engage in research/education/leadership and healthcare management at an early career stage
- Allows you time to produce a substantial project
- Great addition to your CV
- Make connections with clinical researchers, academic and healthcare leaders you might not otherwise encounter until much later career stage
- Gives you a “taster” of academic medicine/healthcare management
- Well placed to pursue further academic training at a later career stage, e.g. Irish Clinical Academic Training Programme

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- School of medicine research themes:



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- World class research facilities:
  - Trinity Translational Medicine Institute (TTMI)
  - Trinity Biosciences Institute (TBSI)
  - Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA)



# Recent research headlines at TCD

- “Immunologists Unearth Key Piece of MRSA Vaccine Puzzle”
- “Global Team to Fight Dementia Begins Pioneering Training Programme in Trinity College Dublin”
- “Scientists Make Major Breakthrough in Understanding Inflammation”
- “3D Bioprinting Technology Could Provide Alternative Bone Graft Operations”
- “Nobel Prize Winner in Medicine, Sir William Campbell, Returns to his Alma Mater”

# What kind of project could I do in TCD?

- Medical education:
  - Undergraduate teaching, bedside tutorials, clinical skills workshops, simulations
  - E-learning initiative
  - Involvement in examinations and assessments
  - Curriculum development
  - Carry out some research in medical education
  - Gain a qualification in third level education



# What kind of project could I do in TCD?

- Healthcare leadership and management
  - Quality improvement project, e.g. safe prescribing, infection control, blood transfusion, health informatics...
  - Work within a team to implement quality improvement initiative
  - Deliver education about the project to other staff members
  - Evaluate the effectiveness of a project



# Points to note

- The recruitment process to the academic track will require a lot of time and effort: don't spend time on it unless you are serious about accepting a place
- Same eligibility criteria for internship will apply
- Centiles are not taken into consideration for the recruitment process – theoretically possible to be on the highest centile and not be offered a place on the academic track
- You will know where you are going by Feb/March – time to start planning your project



