

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA-PF): Call for expressions of interest for projects in Ageing & Public Policy

Organisation Name

National University of Ireland Galway

Organisation Country

Ireland

About the host institute

NUI Galway has earned national and international recognition as a research-led university. With over 19,000 students and more than 2,700 staff, NUI Galway has a distinguished reputation for teaching and research excellence. The University has a growing international profile for its research in five key research themes: *“Enhancing policy and society, Enriching creativity and culture, Improving health and wellbeing, Realising potential through data and enabling technologies and Sustaining our planet and people”*. The identification of priority research areas and subsequent investments in these areas have enabled the University to develop a critical mass of expertise, which has led to significant success in securing competitive research grants, nationally and internationally. To date, NUI Galway has participated in more than 200 Horizon 2020 projects and has been consistently successful in the MSCA postdoctoral fellowship programme.

Research Field

Ageing

Social Exclusion & Inequity

Work & Retirement

Place and changing contexts

Infrastructures of care and support

Name of department/institution/centre

Irish Centre for Social Gerontology – ICSG

The department/institution/centre is looking to host an experienced researcher via funding through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Post Doctoral Fellowships (MSCA-PDs). In order to secure funding, the experienced researcher must develop a proposal with the host for the October 12th 2021 deadline.

Project idea and researcher opportunities

We welcome research projects in areas related to ageing and public policy, particularly on any of the following ICSG themes:

- *Social Exclusion & Inequity*

- *Work & Retirement*
- *Place and changing contexts*
- *Infrastructures of care and support*

Training & Development Programme

Researchers will benefit from learning delivered through the training & development programme within the Institute for Lifecourse and Society (ILAS), which ICSG is based within, as well as access to the comprehensive NUI Galway Researcher Development Centre where researchers will be encouraged to avail of a range of training and development opportunities designed to support their personal career development plans. More specific training will be identified within the Institute or external to NUI Galway for the benefit of the researchers and their projects. Researchers will also be able to draw on the mentorship of a number of international experts on the social and economic aspects of ageing.

Intersectoral Opportunities

Researchers will engage with intersectoral stakeholders in key policy and practice areas e.g. national /international advocacy organisations, service co-ordinator agencies, as appropriate to their projects. There will be significant opportunities for interdisciplinary working within and outside of the ICSG and the ILAS Institute. The ICSG has links with many European networks as a result of co-ordinating two recent COST Actions on Social Exclusion in Later Life, and on Gender and Extended Working Lives. Opportunities for secondments with national/international stakeholder agencies can also be explored.

Mentoring

The researcher will be mentored by the Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, Prof. Kieran Walsh <https://icsg.ie/team/dr-kieran-walsh/> who has extensive experience in ageing and public policy and interdisciplinary social gerontology research and has published extensively within the field of ageing.

Description of the research environment

The Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG) is based at the Institute for Lifecourse and Society (ILAS) at NUI Galway. With a view to informing a holistic understanding of later life in public policy, the ICSG conducts research on ageing and the life course that responds to gaps in scientific knowledge, policy and practice, while promoting the diversity of ageing experiences. The work of the ICSG is particularly focused on supporting the voice of marginalised groups of the older population, and integrating these perspectives into research and public policy design and development.

The ICSG has four strategic objectives.

- **Research Capacity:** ICSG contributes to international scientific knowledge on ageing and public policy, and in doing so is engaged in building and sustaining national and European research capacity for the study of social, economic and cultural aspects of ageing.
- **Collaboration:** ICSG seeks to co-produce relevant and practicable research through the formation of active collaborative research relationships with older people, representative organisations and national and international policy stakeholders.
- **Policy analysis:** ICSG works to establish ageing as a cross-cutting public policy focus in Ireland and in Europe, thereby influencing the formulation of policy and informing an evidence-based engagement of policy levers for improving the lives of older people.
- **Research Led Teaching & Training:** ICSG endeavours to develop ageing and public policy as an academic field and a focus for professional development, and is engaged in designing programmes for third-level students and people working in the ageing sector.

Along with the possibility to join the Institute's vibrant research environment and benefit from its wide international network, successful candidates will be provided with equipped office space, e-mail and internet access, as well as access to library facilities. The Marie Curie Fellow will have access to the extensive programme of events taking place annually at the Centre (including seminar series, guest lectures and conferences). NUIG places a strong focus on providing a supportive environment for its researchers and has a dedicated infrastructure in place to support research and development.

See www.icsq.ie for more information about the centre.

Eligibility of the applicant

- The applicant can be of all nationalities.
- The applicant must have a doctoral degree at the date of the call deadline (October 12th 2021).
- At the call deadline (12th October 2021), the applicant must have a maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research, measured from the date that the applicant was in a possession of a doctoral degree.
- Researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies etc.,) in Ireland (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or at the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline (October 12th 2021).
- The applicant can only submit one proposal to the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship call.

Desired qualifications of the applicant

Researchers with relevant social science experience and in particular in relation to ageing and public policy are welcome to apply.

Candidates will have:

- 1. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, peer-reviewed conference proceedings*
- 3. Invited presentations to peer-reviewed, internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools.*
- 4. Research projects that the Experienced Researcher has led.*
- 5. Organisation/involvement in the organisation of International conferences in the field of the applicant (membership in the steering and/or programme committee).*
- 7. Prizes and Awards.*
- 8. Funding received so far*
- 9. Supervising, mentoring activities, (if applicable)*

How to Apply

All applications must include:

- A detailed curriculum vitae
- A cover letter describing the candidate's current research interests
- Brief research proposal (one page)
- One copy of each of two relevant publications (or, alternatively, writing samples)
- Two letters of recommendation.

Submit your research interest and CV with the subject heading **MSCA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME** via e-mail to: icsq@nuiqalway.ie