

## Questions and Answers for CARDI Fellowships Call 3 (2014/15)

### **General**

*What is different about Call 3 compared with previous calls?*

The main difference in Call 3 compared with both previous calls is that we are offering up to two Fellowships similar to those already awarded and up to two Beeson-sponsored CARDI Fellowships with specific requirements. Read the Terms of Reference to understand the implications of this change.

### **Eligibility**

*The Terms of Reference say that the Leadership Call is restricted to EU citizens. Can I apply if I have been living, studying and working in Ireland for eight years and am a permanent resident of Ireland?*

Yes, permanent residents in Ireland or other EU countries are eligible to apply even if they are not EU citizens. The applicant must satisfy the host HEI and CARDI that they have permission to work in Ireland for the duration of the Fellowship.

*I am employed part-time in a permanent post in an HEI. Am I eligible to apply?*

People in a tenured or otherwise long-term established post are not eligible. This is not affected by whether they work full-time or part-time.

*I am paid on the post-doctoral scale but do not have a doctorate. Am I eligible?*

No, post-doctoral means 'following the award of a doctorate' and a person would not become a post-doctoral researcher by being paid on the same scale.

*I do not meet the criteria in full but I have other experience that might be considered relevant. Am I eligible to apply?*

No, the criteria will be strictly applied and only people with a doctorate can be considered.

### **2-7 years post-doctoral experience**

*When does the period of 2-7 years run from and what is the applicable date?*

The applicable date is Friday 30 January 2015, when the Call closes. On that date you must have between 2 and 7 years of post-doctoral research experience. Post-doctoral research experience refers to time spent employed as a post-doctoral researcher.

*Does industrial research count towards the 2-7 years' experience?*

Some employers offer post-doctoral research posts of a high standard and include mentorship by leading experts. People holding such posts would clearly be able to include them in their application.

*I have been on career breaks. How does that affect the 2-7 year period?*

There is no difficulty about this. You could have gained your doctorate 8 or 9 years ago but may, for example, have taken maternity leave for 2 years. Provided you do not have more than 7 years post-doctoral research experience, you are eligible to apply.

### **Higher education partnerships and residence**

*I work at a Higher Education Institution (HEI) outside of Ireland. Can it collaborate with a university in Ireland, north or south, to apply for a Fellowship?*

Yes, such partnerships are welcome. However you must be proposed by an HEI in Ireland and, if successful, be employed by that HEI for the duration of the Fellowship. You could, of course, spend part of your Fellowship in your existing HEI outside Ireland and it would be a good idea if it appointed a second mentor to contribute specialist expertise in ageing research.

### **HEI lacks ageing expertise**

*My HEI does not have any specialist centres of ageing research. Does this mean I will be at a disadvantage in my application?*

In the final assessment 15% of the marks will be based on the support the HEI is offering the applicant. This means an HEI with a strong ageing research centre may have an advantage. However, we are looking at support in its broadest sense; an HEI with a strong commitment to the fellowship and a record of producing top quality researchers in the relevant research area may be able to put forward a convincing case.

### **Information about mentor**

*What information do I need to send in about my mentor?*

You do not send in any information apart from your answers to the questions on the application form. It is up to the Higher Education Institution nominating you to make the case for the mentor. See the document 'Guidelines for nominating HEI' at [www.cardi.ie](http://www.cardi.ie).

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