New funding for healthy ageing research announced

The Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI) today (Friday 31 October 2014) launches a new call for Fellows under its Leadership Programme in Ageing Research. It will fund the salaries for three years of up to four research Fellows.

The new call is the third under the Leadership Programme which aims to create a new generation of high quality research leaders into ageing issues in Ireland, North and South. The CARDI Fellows will be post-doctoral researchers who will study a topic related to healthy ageing and take part in training and development activities to build up their independence and leadership.

The programme is open to any EU citizen who has 2-7 years of post-doctoral research experience or part-time equivalent. Candidates must be nominated by a Higher Education Institution in Ireland. The funding will cover salary and research expenses of £50,000/ €63,000 for projects relating to health and healthy ageing.

The new Fellows will join the five CARDI Fellows appointed to date: Joanne Feeney, Joanna McHugh, Charlotte Neville and Mark O’Doherty based in Queen’s University Belfast, and Aisling O’Halloran based in Trinity College Dublin.

The new call is open until Friday 30 January 2015 and full terms of reference and application procedures are available at www.cardi.ie.

“We are delighted to announce this expansion of the CARDI Leadership Programme in Ageing Research and look forward to receiving high quality nominations for this call,” said CARDI Co-Chair, Professor Robert Stout. “We are particularly pleased to be collaborating with the internationally renowned American Federation for Aging Research’s Paul Beeson Awards to grow this innovative programme”.

“We hope that this investment will help foster a strong community of ageing focused researchers in Ireland, North and South, by supporting outstanding scholars to carry out top quality research and to develop all aspects of their research including knowledge translation,” said CARDI Co-Chair, Professor Davis Coakley.

The programme is overseen by the CARDI Steering Group and advised by an International Scientific Advisory Panel consisting of: Professor Anne Martin-Matthews, University of British Columbia, Canada; Professor William R Hazzard, J Paul Sticht Center on Aging, USA; Professor Carol Jagger, Institute for Ageing and Health, Newcastle University, UK; and Dr Giovanni Lamura, National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing, Italy.
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