



Wellcome / Health Research Board

ICAT
Irish Clinical Academic Training

Wellcome-HRB Irish Clinical Academic Training (ICAT) Programme

Intake procedure for new supervisors

Each institution can propose a maximum of 40 supervisors listed in the ICAT programme (new and existing supervisors), except in exceptional circumstances.

Supervisor selection criteria:

- If in a clinical / academic clinical consultant post more than seven years or holding a non-clinical academic position, must have a higher degree **and** experience in supervising postgraduate students. (Must have prior experience in supervising at least one PhD (science or medical) to completion).
- If in a clinical / academic clinical consultant post less than seven years, must have a higher degree (PhD) and experience in supervising postgraduate students.
- Must hold a tenured or honorary academic position at senior lecturer or equivalent or above.
- Ideally, each clinician scientist supervisor will hold protected or dedicated academic time.
- However prospective clinical scientist supervisors who do not hold protected academic time will be considered under the following circumstances:
 - i. PhD supervisor status has been approved by the local ICAT-participating academic institution
 - and**
 - ii. the prospective supervisor can demonstrate that they can provide dedicated time, beyond his/her clinical duties, for supervision of the ICAT trainee.
- Must have a current active research programme as evidenced by current research students, research grant awards as a PI and/or research staff.
- Must have significant original research publications (first or senior author) in peer reviewed journals in keeping with academic status of senior lecturer or above.
- Must have a clear scientifically valid research project proposal or proposals which align with the biomedical and/or clinical research needs of ICAT trainees.
- Must have attained research funding and hold a current research grant.



Review of existing supervisors

- Each year, existing supervisors will be requested to renew their position as supervisor by complying with the following criteria:-
 - Must have a current active research programme as evidenced by current research students and/or research staff.
 - Must hold a current research grant.
 - Should not be due to retire in the next 4 years.
 - Should hold an academic appointment with one of the 6 participating institutions.
 - Should review and update their information on the ICAT website.