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Dr Conor Judge, Senior Lecturer of Applied Clinical Data Analytics with University of Galway, and Consultant Nephrologist at Saolta University Health Care Group



Dr Peter Barrett, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, HSE South

CONGRATULATIONS

The ICAT Programme team would like to extend our **sincere congratulations** to **Dr Conor Judge** and **Dr Peter Barrett** who were awarded **Health Research Board (HRB) Clinician Scientist Postdoctoral Fellowships** this month.

Peter's [research](#) "An investigation of the long-term impact of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy on maternal health, and exploration of optimal models of follow-up care for affected women in Ireland" maintains his collaboration between UCC and Karolinska Institutet and will focus on whether the risk of developing age-related diseases such as stroke and dementia is higher in women who had high blood pressure during pregnancy.

Conor's [project](#) will focus on developing an AI clinical decision support system to personalise the management of hypertension with an "Artificial Intelligence approach to improving blood pressure treatment." The project includes the development of the AI program as well as investigating the attitudes of doctors and patients towards using AI as a clinical tool, to improve the management of hypertension.

Speaking about the recent awards, Dr Anne Cody Head of Investigator-led Grants, Careers and Enablers at the HRB stated:

"Having come through a highly competitive review process, the recipients of these fellowships exhibited immense potential to become future leaders in applied health and social care research.

The HRB fellowship schemes are designed to embed fellows in as supportive an environment as possible, both to enhance their career development and to ensure the delivery of excellent research with clear pathways to impact. Fellows have individualised training and development plans and are supported by a personal mentor and a wider multidisciplinary team."

You can find more information about the funded awards on the [HRB website](#).

you are invited



The annual ICAT Retreat will take place on 30th November and 1st December 2023. We warmly invite you to register to attend the Retreat. You can view the programme and register on our [website](#).

News round-up



A round-up of ICAT news, graduations and awards.

Clockwise from top-left: congratulations to **Dr Helen Fogarty** who graduated from RCSI, **Dr Anita Lavery** and **Dr Gerard Walls** who graduated from Queen's University Belfast, **Dr Mark Gurney** who passed his PhD viva at the University of Galway, **Dr Delia Bogdanet** who graduated from University of Galway, **Dr Jennifer Scott** who passed her PhD viva at TCD, **Dr Brendan Kelly** who was awarded second prize at the European Society of Medical Imaging Informatics (EuSoMII) Annual Meeting 2023, and to **Dr Stephanie Bollard** who passed her PhD viva at UCD.

15 ICAT fellows have now completed their PhDs, and have joined our ICAT Alumni.

You can read about each ICAT Fellow's research interests, PhD project titles and supervisors on the ICAT website, including the [new cohort](#) who were appointed in 2023.

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