

**January 2022. Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School – College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland Advanced Clinical Fellowship Programme in Anaesthesiology.**

In October 2022, the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland will issue a call for applications to this Programme. Two Fellowships at MGH commencing in July/August 2023 for either one or two years will be made available through competition. To be eligible, applicants will have graduated (at the time of taking up the role) from the CAI National Training Programme within three years of the date of application. Applicants will also either hold a current “pass” in the three step US Medical Licensing Examinations or meet the US immigration criteria for “renown at a national level” (see below). For further information, queries may be directed to Dr Hovig Chitilian ([HCHITILIAN@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:HCHITILIAN@mgh.harvard.edu)) or Professor George Shorten ([g.shorten@ucc.ie](mailto:g.shorten@ucc.ie)).

*Abbrev: DACCPM: Department of Anaesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine. CAI: College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland*

**Overall intent:**

- i. The programme is intended to provide anaesthesiologists who have recently completed the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland (CAI) National Training Programme with an opportunity to learn, train and practice in the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston MA. Fellows will experience clinical, academic and cultural aspects of a leading Department of Anaesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine and at the hospital in which modern anaesthesia was first demonstrated in 1846.
- ii. The DACCPM at MGH will add to the diversity of its clinical community, and continue its tradition of incorporating good ideas and practices from around the world through appointment of Fellows and junior faculty who have graduated from non US medical schools and training programmes.
- iii. To develop over time a substantial and mutually beneficial relationship between the DACCPM, MGH and the CAI.

**Outline:**

That 1-2 Fellows per annum who have recently graduated (within three years of the date of application) from the Irish National Training Programme will take up 1-2 year Fellowship posts with the DACC at MGH.

To be eligible, an applicant to this Fellowship will

- i. have graduated from the CAI National Training Programme within three years of the date of application
- ii. meet all the requirements to practice medicine in the state of Massachusetts. Specifically this will require that the applicant holds a current “pass” in the three step US Medical Licensing Examinations or meets the US immigration criteria for renown at a national level (see Appendix A for indicative items). Priority will be given to applicants who currently hold a “pass” in the USMLEs.

The process of securing a temporary Massachusetts Medical License and US work visa can take 7-12 months from the time the selected Fellow makes an application. The final arbiter of whether the criteria for national renown are met is the US Immigration.

The CAI will advertise for applications and, in cooperation with the MGH DACCPM, hold a competition to select those to whom offers of this Fellowship will be made. The competition will comprise two stages: i. evaluation of CV and personal statement (less than 1500 words) including an account of the motivation for applying; (these will be against selection criteria in Appendix B) and ii interview of shortlisted candidates. As many as two Fellows for each year will be offered Fellowships (subject to subsequent approval of US immigration for those whose application is based on the “national renown” criteria). Based on their ranking in the competition, other applicants may also be made offers in the event that the highest ranked applicants do not take up the initial offers made.

Appointed Fellows will be affiliated with Harvard Medical School at the Instructor level.

The Fellowship: The successful candidate will join the MGH DACCPM as a junior faculty member. The clinical disciplines included may be drawn from all anaesthesiology subdisciplines except cardiac anaesthesiology, critical care and (chronic) pain medicine. The Fellow will input into the distribution of clinical exposure over the course of the Fellowship. His/her clinical responsibilities will include the conduct of anaesthesia as well as the supervision of residents and nurse anaesthetists. The Fellow will have the opportunity to participate in non-clinical activities including resident education (the department has approximately 75 residents and offers an array of educational activities including didactics, journal clubs, and workshops), clinical research, and quality improvement/quality assurance programs. The MGH DACCPM will also work with the candidate to provide exposure to the clinical and non-clinical experiences that are in line with their career goals.

Satisfactory completion of each Fellowship will be certified jointly by the Harvard Hospitals Anesthesia Program and the CAI. These Fellowships will not be ACGME accredited.

Scale and term: The term of this arrangement is the period 2022 – 2026 in the first instance; Fellows appointed based on this understanding will take up post no earlier than July 2023. No more than two Fellows will be appointed per annum and normally Fellows will take up post in July or August. Based on the discussion between the Fellow and the DACCPM, the term of the Fellowship will be either one or two years. The first competition (to be held in October/ November 2022) may result in offers for 2023 and 2024.

Designated programme leads for MGH DACC and CAI will review the programme and Fellows progress annually. During 2025, MGH DACC and CAI nominees will jointly review the programme overall and bring recommendations to their respective executives.

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## **Appendix A.**

The following is a list of the types of CV items that can be used to make the case for national renown:

- Documentation of the beneficiary's receipt of nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards in the field of medicine;
- Evidence of the beneficiary's authorship of scientific or scholarly articles in the field of medicine published in professional journals, major trade publications, or other major media;
- Published material about the beneficiary's work in the medical field that appears in professional journals, major trade publications, or other major media (which includes the title, date, and author of such material);
- Evidence that the beneficiary has been employed in a critical, leading, or essential capacity for organizations or establishments that have distinguished reputations in the field of medicine;
- Evidence of the beneficiary serving as a speaker or panellist at medical conferences;
- Evidence of the beneficiary's participation as a judge of the work of others in the medical field;

The list of documents is not mandatory, exhaustive, or numeric. Rather, it provides guidance as to the types of evidence that may establish eligibility for this exemption.