



WORLD-CLASS POST CSCST FELLOWSHIPS IN IRELAND



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## APPLICATION AND OVERVIEW

2025 Aspire Post CSCST Fellowships

is now accepting applications for Aspire Post CSCST Fellowships  
to commence in July 2025.

Queries should be sent to:

Completed applications should be sent to:

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:**

## Aspire Post CSCST Fellowships

The Aspire Post CSCST Fellowship Programme offers exceptional CSCST graduates the opportunity to work with a leading consultant on a 12 month tailored Fellowship Programme, which ensures fellows receive high-quality specialist and advanced clinical skills training to meet future healthcare needs. Post CSCST Fellowships offer an alternative to trainees now that Ireland's specialist clinical expertise and services have matured and developed. Those successful in securing a fellowship receive an SpR salary for the duration of the fellowship.

Since 2021, the NDTP has committed to funding 40 annual Post CSCST Fellowships across the acute, primary care and mental health specialities. These are internationally competitive posts which drive innovation and medical leadership, harnessing talented CSCST graduates in Ireland.

Successful fellows must hold a CSCST from an Irish Postgraduate Training Body and be within three years of completion of Higher Specialist Training in July 2025 or have entered the specialist division of the MCI register within two years.

The process of identifying fellowships and subsequent recruitment is managed through the relevant Postgraduate Training Bodies with input from the National Clinical Advisory Group Leads (NCAGL's) and National Clinical Programme (NCP's) as appropriate.



## 2025 Key Dates and Application Process

Interested consultants should complete the form on the following pages and return it to the relevant Postgraduate Training Body (as outlined on page 2) by May 31st. Please pay close attention to the evaluation criteria at the end of the document when creating your proposal.

Between May and July, the Postgraduate Training Bodies will establish a panel for the review and selection of fellowships with input from relevant faculty and NCAGL / NCPs.

### 2025 Programme Timeline

**March 18th - May 31st, 2024:** Call for proposals

**May 31st, 2024:** Final date for proposals

**May 31st - July 31st, 2024:** The Postgraduate Training Body establishes a panel for the review and selection of fellowships with input from relevant faculty and NCAGL / NCPs

**August 2nd, 2024:** Fellowships will be confirmed

**September 2nd, 2024:** Fellowship positions will be advertised

**October 31st, 2024:** Final date for prospective fellows to apply for positions



## **Aspire Post CSCST Fellowship 2025-2026 Application Form**

**Title:**

(Please state the title of the proposed fellowship)

**Duration of the Fellowship:**

(It is expected that most fellowships will be of a 12-month duration, however fellowship proposals up to 24 months will be considered. (Please see further details on the duration of fellowships in the conditions section of this document.)

**Primary Location of the Fellowship (Employer):**

**Secondary Location(s) of the Fellowship (if applicable):**

**Primary Clinical Lead/Assigned Supervisor's Details:**

Name:
Organisation:
Phone:
Email:

**Please provide an overview of the fellowship, what the applicant will be doing in the post, including research and audit:**

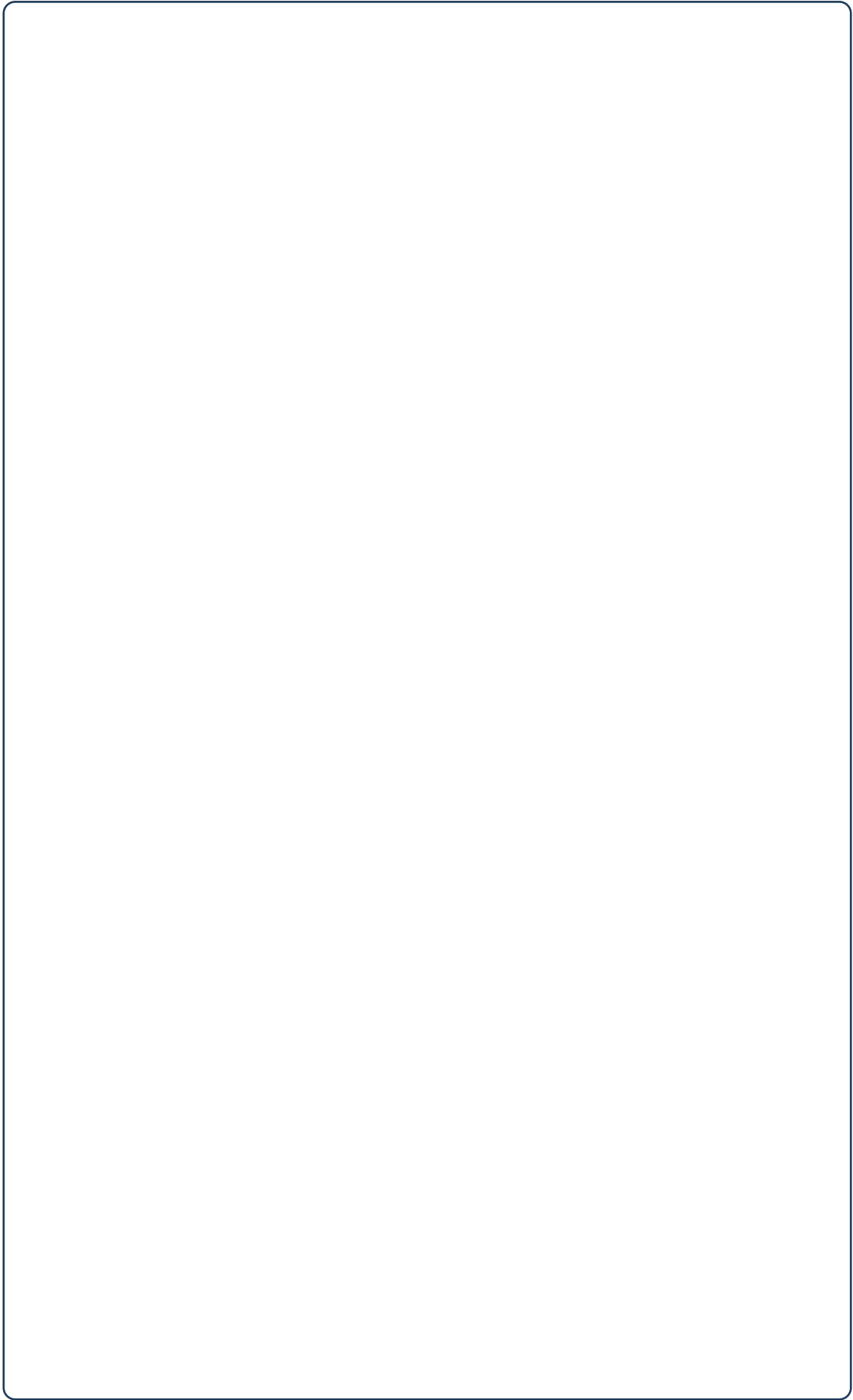
Max 500 words (25 marks)

**Outline the value of the proposed fellowship to the health services:**

Max 1000 words (45 marks)

Suggested headings:

1. Identified unmet patient need
2. Specialty and service priorities / particular workforce requirement
3. Niche area, particular skillset acquisition
4. Unavailability of such training in Ireland currently
5. The potential benefits to the Irish health service and patients
6. Consideration given to recently approved consultant posts



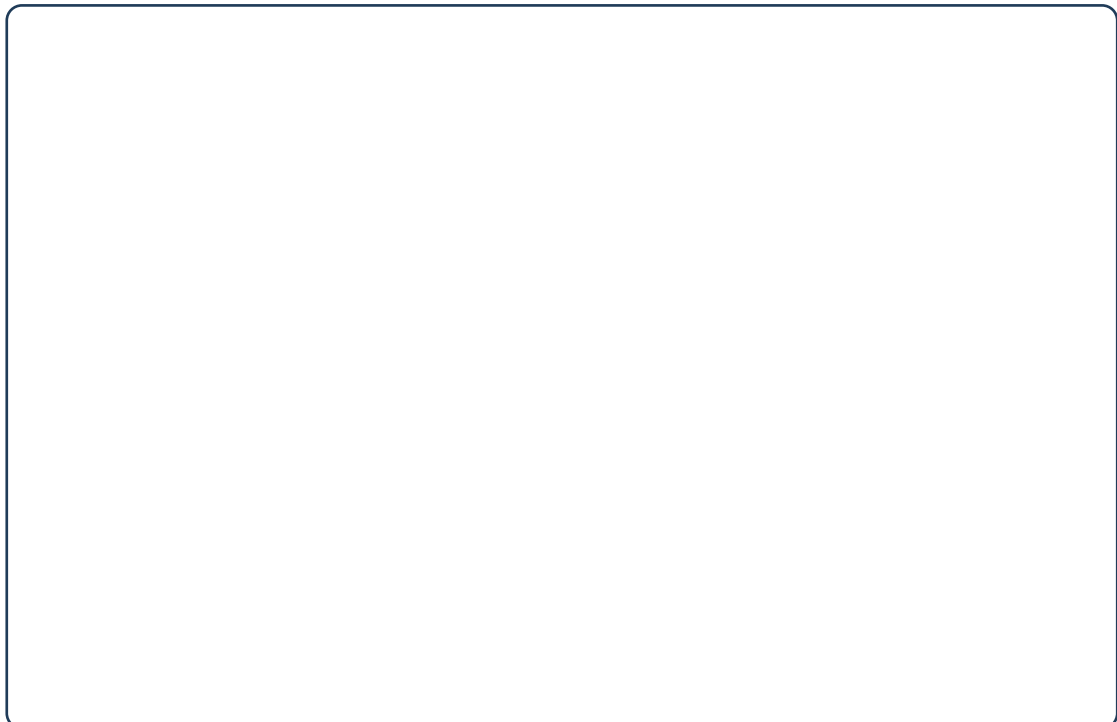
**Please provide details of how the fellowship will protect/  
prioritise the unique learning requirements of the fellow:**

Max 400 words (15 marks)



**Outline how this post CSCST fellowship would provide a quality  
experience, protected training time and less of a focus on  
service delivery commitment:**

Max 400 words (15 marks)





**Supervisor's Declaration:**

- **I confirm that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Aspire fellowship**
- **I confirm I have engaged with Medical HR and Finance in the proposed primary clinical site regarding this fellowship proposal**

**Signature of the Clinical Lead/Assigned Supervisor:**

(Electronic signature is acceptable)



## Evaluating Fellowship Proposals

The process of identifying fellowships and subsequent recruitment will be managed by the Postgraduate Training Body with input from NDTP and the National Clinical Advisory Group Leads (NCAGL's) and National Clinical Programmes (NCP's) as appropriate.

Postgraduate training bodies will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

1. Quality of the fellowship proposed
2. An identified unmet patient need\*
3. Specialty and service priorities/particular workforce requirement\*
4. Niche area, particular skillset acquisition
5. Unavailability of such training in Ireland currently
6. The potential benefits to the Irish Health Service and patients
7. Consideration should be given to recently approved consultant posts
8. Protection/prioritisation of the unique learning requirements
9. Protected training time and less focus on service delivery commitment.
10. Geographic distribution as relevant to the model of care or workforce planning

Please note: An overview of the core curriculum to be offered and evidence that there will be opportunities for audit and research must be included in the application.

\*The Postgraduate Training Body will liaise with the National Clinical Advisory Group Leads (NCAGL's) National Clinical Programmes (NCP's) for the specialty (where available) to inform these principles.



## **Conditions of the Aspire Post CSCST Fellowship**

Approval is provided in respect of fellowships commencing in July 2025.

- All approved post CSCST fellowships must provide a structured certifiable educational experience to candidates within 3 years post CSCST from an Irish Postgraduate Training body or candidates who entered the Specialist Division of the Register (IMC) within the last 2 years.

### **Duration of fellowship:**

- The duration of the Post CSCST Fellowship should be outlined within the application (funding provided is for a 12-month period from July 2025 however it is noted that funding partnerships with host institutions may be developed to allow for 24-month Fellowships –this can only be progressed with the prior agreement of HSE NDTP).
- A previously funded Aspire fellowship could be considered for renewal if aligned with service requirements and workforce demands subject to review and endorsement by the review panel.

### **Training requirements:**

- The post CSCST fellowship post must be evaluated and approved by the appropriate training body and have a supervisor assigned, with authority and accountability for the fellowship post.
- The Post CSCST Fellowship should align with workforce opportunities.
- The Post CSCST Fellowship must not impinge on the training of pre-CSCST trainees
- Where appropriate, the fellowships should fulfil training body requirements for Medical Council specialist registration (e.g. Intensive Care Medicine) and HSE employment requirements for consultant posts.
- Aspire fellows are entitled to apply through the relevant training body for the HSE Specialist Training funding scheme and through their employer for the HSE Clinical Course / Exam Refund Scheme and TSS. Both of these Programmes are funded by NDTP and accessed through the NER.

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