

MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

DOROTHY is a **postdoctoral research programme** open to researchers from **all disciplines** who wish to focus on research on **public health crises and their legacies**. Fellowships provide:

- A chance to develop a novel research project
- Extensive training and skills development
- 18 months at an institution outside Ireland
- 18 months at an institution within Ireland

“Research and development [...] is essential for a fast and effective epidemic and pandemic response. Without significant R&D investments prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, it would not have been possible to have safe and effective vaccines developed in record time.”

Dr Michael Ryan, Executive Director, WHO

Before you apply

First, check the **Guide for Applicants** on the **DOROTHY website** to ensure you meet the eligibility requirements.



1. Satisfy eligibility

There are certain conditions you must meet to be eligible to apply for a DOROTHY **postdoctoral** fellowship. These include details about your own professional experience and qualifications. The primary criterion is that any applicant must be an Experienced Researcher (ER). The definition of ER in the H2020 MSCA programme will be applied: ERs must, at the call deadline, **be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience**. See the DOROTHY site for full details.



2. Identify a topic

All disciplines are welcome across the sciences, engineering, arts and humanities provided that the projects relate to public health crises. **Research areas may include, but are not limited to**, epidemiology; environmental science and environmental health; engineering of materials; biotechnology and biochemistry; psychology; health economics; health inequality; medical anthropology; and medical humanities.



3. Confirm your supervisors' support

All DOROTHY projects start with an **outgoing phase** of 18 months in an institution outside of Ireland, followed by **reintegration into an Irish HEI**. Prior to creating an application, applicants should contact, and discuss their fellowship application with, their **proposed academic supervisors**, including their main supervisor in the Irish host organisation and their outgoing host.



4. Identify a non-academic secondment

Applicants are encouraged to include a **non-academic secondment** (between 3 and 6 months) in their application. A non-exhaustive list of interested placement hosts is available on the DOROTHY website.



5. Create a Smartsimple profile

All applications for DOROTHY should be **submitted via the online system**, Smartsimple. See the guide to Smartsimple on the DOROTHY website, along with an example of an application form. Familiarise yourself with the Smartsimple system and the required sections of the application form before beginning your application.