

Eligibility Criteria

Applications will not be considered unless all eligibility criteria have been met.

To be eligible for an Irish Aid fellowship, applicants must:

- Be a citizen of Sierra Leone and resident in-country.
- Be an experienced professional, currently employed by one of the eligible organisations and nominated by that organisation to apply.
- Have achieved the necessary academic standard to be accepted onto a Master's degree course in a higher education institution in Ireland.
- Be able to identify a relevant college course from the '*Directory of Postgraduate Courses suitable for Fellowship Awards*' in a Higher Education Institute in Ireland.
- Complete the fellowship application form in full and submit all required supporting documentation (e.g. employer endorsement, authenticated degree certificates, curriculum vitae and references) by the December 8th deadline.
 - Documents must be original transcripts of exam results, **certified true copies of original documents** with the official stamp and signature of a justice of the peace, solicitor, notary public, or another authorised official. Uncertified photocopies are not accepted
 - An applicant will not be considered further if information and documents submitted are false.
- Be able to demonstrate their skills in academic English with an appropriate score on a recognised test (IELTS **6.5** or TOEFL equivalent) to be taken after application or within the past 2 years.
- Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of your home country.
- Be able to take up the fellowship in the academic year 2018/2019.

An applicant will not be considered further in either of the following circumstances:

- They already hold a Master's qualification.
- They have applied for the Irish Aid fellowship on two or more previous occasions without being awarded a fellowship.