

## **Call for Applications for the Irish Aid Fellowships Training Programme 2019/2020**

The Irish Fellowships Training Programme is a global programme offering fully-funded fellowships for future leaders and influencers to study in Ireland. If successful, you will live and study in Ireland, during which time you will develop professionally and academically, network extensively, experience Irish culture, and build lasting positive relationships with Ireland.

The scholarship award covers course fees, required flights, accommodation, monthly allowances, insurance and other incidental expenses. Eligible Masters programmes in Ireland commence in the period August to September each year and, depending on the course, scholarships will run for between 10 and 16 months.

Applications are by invitation only to persons that are currently employed in the institutions/organisations listed below:

### **State Institutions**

Office of The Judiciary  
Cabinet Office  
Office of the Auditor General  
National Assembly  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
Ministry of Finance  
Ministry of National Development and Planning  
Ministry of Gender  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Ministry of Fisheries  
Zambia Development Agency  
National Food and Nutrition Commission  
Technical Education Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority

### **Non State Actors**

MUSIKA  
Civil Society for Poverty Reduction  
Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection  
Economics Association of Zambia  
Campaign for Female Education  
Zambia Open Community Schools

**Before starting your Scholarship application, you may wish to familiarize yourself with the following requirements:**

In order to be eligible for an Irish Aid fellowship applicants must:

- Be a citizen of Zambia.
- Be resident in Zambia.
- Hold a Degree in a related discipline with Credit or higher

- Have at least 2 years work experience in a relevant area
- Have achieved the necessary academic standard to be accepted onto a Master's degree course in a higher education institution in Ireland. Only credit and above.
- Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of your home country.
- Have identified and selected two relevant courses from the Irish Aid Directory of Eligible Postgraduate Courses, available at [www.irishaidfellowships.ie](http://www.irishaidfellowships.ie) and [www.dfa.ie/zambia](http://www.dfa.ie/zambia)
- Be applying to commence a new qualification and not be seeking funding for a course they have already commenced or which will begin before fellowship awards have been notified.
- Be able to take up the fellowship in the academic year 2019/2020.

**Applicant in either of the following circumstances will not be considered further:**

- They already hold a Master's qualification.
- They have applied for the IAFTP on two or more previous occasions without being awarded a fellowship. (Cases where an applicant withdrew from the process previously may be considered if there were exceptional or unforeseen circumstances for withdrawal in that instance).
- Those personnel who have worked with any of Irish embassies/missions in the past can only be considered if a full year has elapsed since their leaving employment with the embassy/mission before applying for a fellowship

A directory of eligible postgraduate programmes is available for download below. Covering programmes in a number of subject areas. **Please take note of the areas that are not covered for applicants in Zambia**

***The application form here***

***Course Directory***

## **The Frank Ferguson Fellowship in Engineering**

Irish Aid, in partnership with the Engineering Institution of Zambia and the National University of Ireland, Galway, have established a Frank Ferguson fellowship award that will fund one successful Zambian candidate each year to study on a masters level engineering programme in Ireland.

This fellowship is in recognition of the achievements, and in memory of Frank Ferguson who was an engineer and innovator who dedicated fifty years of his life to promoting development in Zambia through numerous high-quality infrastructure projects.

Frank Ferguson Fellows should be prepared with the potential to make significant contributions to the development of Zambia.

### **The call for applications will be through Engineering Institution of Zambia**

To be eligible for the Frank Ferguson Fellowship, applicants must:

- be a citizen of Zambia and be residing in Zambia.
- hold a Degree in Engineering or related discipline with Merit or higher

- have achieved the necessary academic standard to be accepted onto a master's level course of study in Engineering
- be a member of the Engineering Institution of Zambia.
- have a minimum of two years' relevant work experience.
- be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of Zambia.
- be able to take up the fellowship in the academic year for which it is offered.
- meet any relevant procedural requirements of Government of Zambia.
- be able to demonstrate skills in academic English by achieving an appropriate score on a recognised test (e.g. IELTS 6.5).

**Applicants must select from the following list of courses offered by the National University of Ireland, Galway:**

1. [Master of Civil Engineering \(1MEC1\)](#)
2. [ME in Energy Systems Engineering \(1MEES1\)](#)
3. [MSc in Water Resource Engineering \(GYE23\)](#)
4. [MSc in Mechanical Engineering \(1MSME1\)](#)

**Application forms and all accompanying documents for the Frank Ferguson Fellowship will be submitted to the Engineering Institution of Zambia**