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Ireland Wins €5million in EU Funding for Research

First Set of New International Scholars Announced

The Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET) has won €5 million in European Union funding to help fund talented Irish researchers carry out their research internationally as part of its INSPIRE scheme. The sum complements €7m provided by the Government for this scheme.

INSPIRE allows the researcher the exiting opportunity to spend time at a top level research institution of their choice worldwide, and then reintegrate back into Ireland, bringing with them the knowledge, skills and networks they have gained during this time abroad. The scheme will enhance international collaboration and allows Irish scientists and engineers to be to the fore in global research projects.

Details of the programme were announced today in Dublin at a briefing for the first group of 18 INSPIRE awardees who will travel this Autumn to some of the world's most prestigious research institutions, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia and Yale, the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford and the Max Planck Institut fur Extraterrestrische Physik, Germany.

Martin Hynes, Director of IRCSET said,

“Ireland has top researchers who are contributing to discoveries in science, engineering and technology all over the world. This recognition by the European Union of their work is hugely significant and will greatly assist in international project collaboration.”

The Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET) manages a number of research funding initiatives which support talented researchers in their early stage career formation across Masters, Doctoral and Postdoctoral levels in the sciences, engineering and technology.

A list of the researchers and their work attached.

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