

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

Any DOROTHY applicant must be an Experienced Researcher (ER). 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 eligibility criteria**.



2. Identify a topic

All disciplines are welcome across the sciences, engineering, arts and humanities provided that the proposed research project relates to **public health crises**. The relationship of the proposal to public health crises must be made very clear.



3. Confirm your supervisors' support

Prior to creating an application, applicants should discuss their fellowship application with their **proposed academic supervisors** in both the **Irish host organisation** and their **outgoing host institution** outside Ireland.



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. Apply via Smartsimple

All applications for DOROTHY should be **submitted via the online system**, Smartsimple. The guide to Smartsimple will be available on the DOROTHY website when the call opens, along with an example of an application form.