



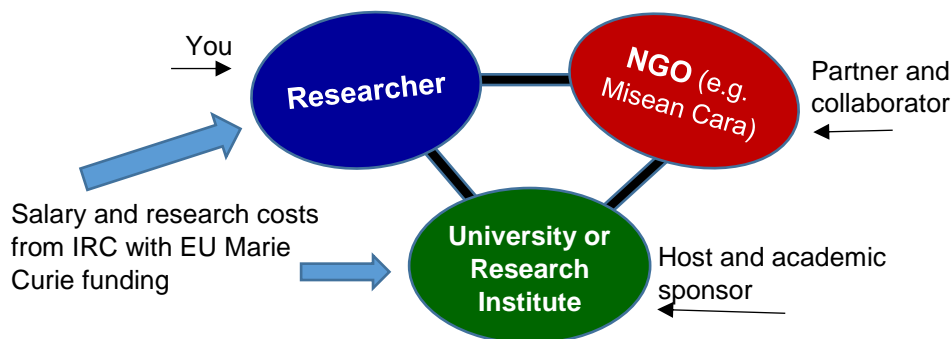
CAROLINE Research Fellowships at Misean Cara

Information for researchers and research institutions

Misean Cara, Ireland's unique support agency for global missionary development work, is seeking to partner with researchers in developing a variety of exciting research proposals for CAROLINE Fellowships.

1. What are CAROLINE Fellowships?

CAROLINE stands for “*Collaborative Research Fellowships for a Responsive and Innovative Europe*”; a new postdoctoral fellowship programme from the Irish Research Council (IRC), co-funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. CAROLINE is an exceptional career opportunity for experienced, committed researchers who want their research to stand out and make a real impact in the world today. CAROLINE is a three-way partnership:



CAROLINE provides a generous professional salary for two years, plus funding for research costs. The researcher must be sponsored by a university or similar research institution, which provides academic mentoring; and assigned to a partner NGO such as Misean Cara. CAROLINE Research Fellows can come from any discipline, or an interdisciplinary perspective, provided the research is broadly related to one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To be eligible a researcher must have a doctoral degree or at least four years full-time equivalent research experience. The researcher can be of any nationality, but must have not been in Ireland for more than 12 months in the past three years.

2. Why apply to CAROLINE with Misean Cara?

“An exceptional opportunity for experienced, driven researchers keen to make their research stand out in the world today. Collaborating with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) ... and research performing organisations (RPOs), **CAROLINE** fellows will be uniquely positioned between academic and non-academic spheres, helping to maximise their career potential.”

From the CAROLINE information leaflet.

- The experience will boost your career as a professional researcher;
- The funding package is comprehensive and generous;
- Researching Misean Cara's areas of interest will take you to new places and give you a global perspective on your own field of research;
- As a partner NGO, Misean Cara is committed to providing the best quality support throughout your Fellowship;
- Misean Cara will disseminate your findings and use them to achieve real impact in the lives of those most in need. Creating new knowledge is good, but using that knowledge for transformation is better;
- Though Misean Cara cannot guarantee you a CAROLINE Fellowship, we will work with you to give your research proposal a competitive edge and increase your chance of success.

3. Research themes for CAROLINE Fellowships with Mísean Cara

This is not an exhaustive list, but here are some of the possible research topics where Mísean Cara believes new knowledge and analysis from high-quality research could make a difference and impact on people's lives:

- Bringing human rights issues from grass-roots level into advocacy at national and UN levels (e.g. UPR reporting) and tracking the outcomes back to how this affects people's lives.
- How community outreach health workers in Kenya are contributing to combat HIV/AIDS through increasing ARV adherence and reducing new infections.
- Developing indicators for mental health projects (based on pioneering capacity-building work in Malawi).
- The impact of Irish missionary schools on the development of state education in Africa, past, present and future.
- Evolution of concepts around disability in development work: From traditional "medical" models to human rights, social action and "Disability Inclusive Development", challenging social isolation, stigma and exclusion.
- Integration of "rights-based" and "needs-based" approaches in development: The effectiveness of development that combines grassroots "service delivery" work with a human-rights-based advocacy approach.
- Public perceptions in Ireland of Irish missionaries and missionary congregations doing development work in the global South.
- Lessons to be learnt from missionary engagement in addressing human trafficking.

If you are interested in researching one of these areas, or if you have a new research question that might interest Mísean Cara, get in touch now to start a conversation.

4. CAROLINE timetable

CAROLINE has 25 Research Fellowships on offer in its **second call for proposals**. This will open at the end of August 2017 and the closing date for submissions will be at the end of October. Successful candidates will start their Fellowships early in 2018.

5. For more information

About Mísean Cara: www.miseancara.ie

About CAROLINE: <http://www.research.ie/funding/caroline> (pay no attention to the line that says the scheme is now closed; that refers to the first call. The second call has yet to open).

The CAROLINE website has a downloadable information leaflet for researchers, a detailed guide for applicants, full terms and conditions of the scheme and a regularly updated FAQ.

6. Your next step

1. Read the information about CAROLINE on its website.
2. Contact us by phone, email or Skype for an informal chat.
3. Check that your university or research institution is interested in backing your proposal and hosting your Fellowship.
4. Start work on your proposal.

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