

# Employment-based PhD Scholarships for Health Science Professionals 2024



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**Awardee:** Carina O'Brien, Senior Pharmacist, St. John's Hospital, Limerick

**Project Title:** REFORM: REducing Falls and Fractures in OldeR Persons with Medication Optimisation.

**Supervisory Team:** Dr. Kieran Dalton, Dr. Michelle O'Driscoll, Professor Stephen Byrne, Department of Pharmacy, UCC

**Employment Mentor:** Geraldine Creaton, Chief Pharmacist, St. John's Hospital, Limerick



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**Awardee:** Olivia Wall, Senior Occupational Therapist, Cork/Kerry Community Healthcare Organisation, HSE

**Project Title:** The meaning of volunteering in the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) for older-old adults (>85 years) in Ireland.

**Supervisory Team:** Dr. Janas Harrington, Dr. Dr Sheena McHugh, School of Public Health, UCC; Dr. Eithne Hunt, School of Clinical Therapies, UCC

**Employment Mentor:** Sarika Kaushik, Occupational Therapy Manager, Cork North



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**Awardee:** Richard Sykes, Chief Pharmacist, Portiuncula University Hospital, Galway

**Project Title:** Investigating equity of access to pharmaceutical healthcare within publicly-funded acute hospital healthcare in Ireland.

**Supervisory Team:** Dr Suzanne McCarthy, Dr. Margaret Birmingham, School of Pharmacy, UCC; Dr. Sheena McHugh, School of Public Health, UCC

**Employment Mentor:** Dr Paul O'Hara, Consultant General Physician and Nephrologist



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Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
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**Awardee:** Amanda Brolly, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, University Hospital Kerry

**Project Title:** Transformative Care: Unveiling the Stop Hospital Associated Decline (STAD) Project for Enhanced Care of Older Adults in Acute Hospitals.

**Supervisory Team:** Dr. Patrick Cotter, Dr. Irene Hartigan, Dr. Teresa Wills, School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC; Dr. Ruth McCullagh, School of Clinical Therapies, UCC

**Employment Mentor:** Dr. Mary Randles, Consultant Geriatrician, Carol Mannix, Director of Nursing, University Hospital Kerry



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**Awardee:** Gemma McCarthy, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, St. Finbarr's Hospital

**Project Title:** Reducing dementia risk in vulnerable adults - Early detection and management of modifiable risk factors in Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) or Subjective Cognitive Impairment (SCI).

**Supervisory Team:** Prof. Geraldine Lee, Dr. Emily B Lockwood, School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC

**Employment Mentors/Supervisors:** Dr. Tim Dukelow and Dr. Denis Curtin, Consultant Geriatricians, ICPOP South Hub.



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**Awardee:** Margaret Noonan, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital

**Project Title:** GROW & THRIVE: Developing and testing Guidance and Resources for Optimal Wellbeing & Teens' Sexual Health and Safety Relationship Initiative

**Supervisory Team:** Dr. Patrick Cotter, Prof. Josephine Hegarty, Dr. James O'Mahony, School of Nursing & Midwifery, UCC; Dr. Sharon Lambert, School of Applied Psychology, UCC

**Employment Mentor:** Dr. Ruth Lernihan, Director of Nursing, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital



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**Awardee:** Aoife Barry, Senior Occupational Therapist, Enable Ireland – Cork Children’s Services

**Project Title:** Improving developmental outcomes for children identified as high-risk of developing Cerebral Palsy. Implementation of the EiSMART approach to early intervention in the Irish population.

**Supervisory Team:** Professor Deirdre Murray and Dr Brian Walsh, INFANT Research Centre, UCC; Dr Sally Jary, University of Bristol

**Employment Mentor:** Eve Sheehy Perera, Occupational Therapy, Head of Discipline, Enable Ireland, Cork



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