

The Irish Cancer Society Fellowship and Scholarship award schemes are part of the Society's commitment to funding cancer research in Ireland, to cultivating the next generation of cancer researchers and rewarding exceptional people with outstanding research ideas in the area of cancer research. Each Fellowship award is up to the value of €75,000 per annum for up to three years and each Scholarship award is up to the value of €40,000 per annum for up to three years.

In 2009, 44 Fellowship applications were received for 3 Fellowships awards and 31 Scholarship applications were received for 3 Scholarships awards. At a special awards ceremony held in the Irish Cancer Society on November 24th 2009 President Mary McAleese presented six of Ireland's most gifted young cancer researchers with the inaugural Irish Cancer Society's Research Scholarship Awards & Research Fellowship Awards.



Dr Patrick Kiely, of the Cell Biology Laboratory, BioSciences Institute, University College Cork under the stewardship of Professor Rosemary O'Connor was presented with a Fellowship Award. Dr Kiely's research is concerned with investigating the ways in which cancer cells break away from a primary tumour and set up secondary tumours around the body. "Secondary tumours are what ultimately kills patients, and so I feel that the best way to improve patient survival is to try to prevent cancers from spreading."

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