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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND
COLÁISTE RÍOGA NA MÁINLEÁ IN ÉIRINN

Item 3.3.6

Grants/Fellowship Report Form (Please complete in type print)

Grant Holder Name	Rory Kennelly
Brief biography, including qualification and year of graduation (no more than 100 words)	Graduated UCD Medicine 200 MCh 2009 FRCSI 2015
Title of Project/Fellowship	Clinical fellow in Colorectal Surgery, University of Toronto
Year of Award: Commencement Date: Conclusion Date:	2015 July 2015 June 2016

Summary (no more than 250 words)

The colorectal fellowship in Toronto is an intensive 12 month programme covering all facets of the specialty of colorectal surgery. There is a particular emphasis on the surgical management of inflammatory bowel disease and the management of familial colorectal cancer. There is only one international fellowship awarded and the spot is only filled if a suitable candidate is found.

Grant Report (in the region of but no more than 500 words)

Objectives of Project/Fellowship:

To gain knowledge and skills that would help patients in the Irish health service.

Did you achieve these objectives? Yes I did

In your opinion, what is the value of your award to:

- (a) Yourself : Participating in a fellowship programme overseas requires a very large commitment of both time and financial resources. The Ethicon fellowship award provided me with the money to pay for flights to and from Toronto. This greatly relieved the financial burden and went a long way to help me to fulfil my desire to learn from some extraordinary surgeons and scientists in Toronto.

(b)The institution in which you worked: Irish trainees are welcomed the world over as we are recognised to be well trained and thoughtful clinicians. I like to think that I contributed positively to the colorectal programme in the University of Toronto and that, in the future, more Irish trainees will be accepted onto the programme.

(c)In the future for Irish patients: Training overseas provides a surgeon with perspective on the Irish health service. On our return we can see the areas that are working and the areas that need more attention. We bring back skill sets that can only be obtained in countries with large populations, particularly in uncommon and rare conditions (such as cancer syndromes). I think that Irish patients benefit, not only from the technical expertise provided by an overseas fellowship, but also that by observing another health system abroad, we can learn to do things better at home.