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

Grant Holder Name	Eamon Francis
Brief biography, including qualification and year of graduation (no more than 100 words)	<p>MB BCH BAO , MA, MCh , MSc (Burns) , MSc (Microsurgery) FRCSPlast</p> <p>I graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2010 with an honours degree and the Seton-Pringle and Arthur Ball prizes in Surgery. I completed my internship at St James Hospital, followed by my basic surgical training in Dublin (St Vincents , St James and Our Ladys Childrens Hospital Crumlin).</p> <p>I completed a number of higher degrees in parallel to my surgical training and I am completing my Masters degree in Reconstructive Microsurgery through Chang Gung University under the supervision of Professor Fu-Chan Wei.</p> <p>I am currently finishing my specialist surgical training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Chang Gung Memorial Hopsital , Taiwan.</p>
Title of Project/Fellowship	RCSI Colles Travelling Fellowship
Year of Award: Commencement Date: Conclusion Date:	2020 01/07/2020 30/06/2021

Summary (no more than 250 words)

I commenced my fellowship at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital , Taiwan in July 2020. This is 3800 bed hospital with 90 operating rooms and a 24-bed dedicated Microsurgical ICU . This is one of , if not , the worlds highest volume centres for free tissue transfer.

This fellowship has radically changed my attitude microsurgery. The mantra is replace “like –with – like” and its seemingly ease of application through planning and immaculate execution has converted me to their approach. The focused training across all the realms of microsurgery encompassing all the latest technological and technical innovations has been inspiring. The very much “hands on” training in combination with mentorship by the most pre-eminent leaders in their fields of reconstruction has been incredibly special. The technical tips and tricks I have learnt, along with strategies to deal with “difficult” scenarios are priceless. The introduction to new skills such as “supermicrosurgery” have made me more eager than ever to push my abilities further.

The outpatient envirnoment , while limited by language , was still a great source of education. I learned how evaluate and manage patients. Importantly too I saw the results of reconstructions I was involved in and the patients feedback to these results. One truly understood the necessity of limiting donor site morbidity here, as it really detracted from any percieved benefit of the reconstruction by patients.

This fellowship is operatively heavy , but through twice weekly microsurgical conferences and weekly specialist microsurgical webinars provided me with both the technical skills and clinical acumen in reconstructing complex defects in both elective and traumatic settings . The mantra “like-with-like” is something I always now incorporate into my decision making algorithm.

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

Objectives of Project/Fellowship:

Clinical training in Reconstructive Microsurgery , across all sub-specilaities –Head&Neck, Breast & Lymphedema, Hand , Trauma and Extemity reconstruction, and Facial reanimation and Peripheral Nerve surgery , in one of the worlds highest volume microsurgical centres . I concurrently was involved with a research project for a Masters in Reconstructive Microsurgery awarded through Chang Gung University.

Did you achieve these objectives?

Yes

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

(a) Yourself :

I have built upon the clinical and technical skills that I have learned in my training in Ireland. I am now sufficently armed with the expertise to deal with full range of demands of Reconstructive Microsurery in both the the Elective and Trauma settings. I have added to my academic portfolio with another higher degree and a number of peer reviewed research papers . I have made diverse network of peers and mentors to provide me with significant support as my career progresses. This has only been possible through the support of the RCSI to whom I am very appreciative of.

(b) The institution in which you worked

I believe that I have represented the RCSI , my mentors and the Irish specialist training scheme to the best of my ability this year . I was the first fellow from Ireland at Chang Gung and I received positive feedback as I rotated through all the microsurgical subspecialties regarding my attitude , knowledge and ability. I feel the Taiwanese and Irish have very similar values despite our cultural differences, and I know the fellowship will welcome any Irish trainee who wishes to pursue advanced Microsurgical training.

(c) In the future for Irish patients

My microsurgical fellowship training has provided me with invaluable experience in reconstructing complex oncological and traumatic defects across all the microsurgical disciplines. Upon starting practice I hope to treat Irish patients to the best of my ability using the skills I have learned during my travelling fellowship.