

Frequently Asked Questions – Frank Ferguson Fellowship Programme

1. Who is eligible to apply for the Frank Ferguson Fellowship Programme?

Applicants must be a member of the Engineering Institution of Zambia and have a minimum of three years' substantial work experience directly related to your proposed course of study.

2. How does one apply for the Frank Ferguson Fellowship Programme?

Stage 1 Application forms are available to download on the Embassy's website www.dfa.ie/zambia and must be emailed to ZambiaFellowships@dfa.ie before the closing date of 30 July 2023. Please read our **guidance notes** prior to submitting your application.

3. Should I apply to the university at the same time?

No. Please apply for the Fellowship Programme first. If you are successful, the Embassy will support with applying to the university.

4. What qualifications do I need?

Applicants are expected to hold a bachelor's level academic qualification from an accredited and government-recognised higher education institutions i.e. a first class honour (distinction), or a second class honour (merit) (in some cases a second class honour grade 2 (credit) may be accepted).

5. What is the duration of study?

Master's level programmes in Ireland commence in August or September each year and, depending on the programme, will often run for between 10 and 16 months.

6. Does the Fellowship Programme cover sponsorship for PhD study?

No.

7. Are there any Language requirements?

Yes. Candidates are required to undertake English language testing (IELTS, Duolingo or another accepted English language test) prior taking up the fellowships, the Embassy assists with funding to take the English language tests.

8. Is it necessary to have work experience to be considered for the Frank Ferguson Fellowship?

Yes. The Frank Ferguson Fellowship Programme is a highly competitive process and only candidates with at least three years' work experience will be given consideration.

9. I have another question – who do I contact?

Please email ZambiaFellowships@dfa.ie with any further questions.