**Teagasc Masters Walsh Scholarship Opportunity**

“Multivacc’: Demonstration of safety and sero-conversion post concurrent administration of RSP Live & IBR Marker Live vaccines in calves”

**Background**

IBR, BRSV and PI-3 are endemic in the Irish national herd. It is common for a BRSV & PI-3 Intranasal vaccine to be administered at the same time as an IBR Marker Live vaccine (administered intranasally) in calves in Ireland. This practice is currently unlicensed, however, and the safety and efficacy of concurrent administration of these vaccines has not been investigated previously. Completion of a marketing support study for concurrent use of these vaccines would be of considerable benefit to Irish calves and farmers to ensure that maximum benefit is being derived from administration of these vaccines. It will ensure that there are no adverse effects in concurrent use of both vaccines and also ensure that calves are protected from common respiratory pathogens early in life. VistaMilk is funded by Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

* [Research Awards](https://www.teagasc.ie/about/research--innovation/research-awards/)
* [Teagasc Women in STEM](https://www.teagasc.ie/about/research--innovation/teagasc-women-in-stem/)
* [Work Experience Opportunities](https://www.teagasc.ie/about/research--innovation/work-experience-opportunities/)
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**Requirements**

* Postgraduates applying for a Scholarship must have a first or upper second-class honours primary degree, or the equivalent in a scientific discipline.
* A previous Masters degree may be considered to take precedence over the results of the primary degree
* A full clean driving licence
* Experience with dairy systems or livestock farming

The Walsh Scholar will take part in wider VistaMilk Centre activities such as annual conference, relevant Master classes and workshops and Education and Public Engagement activities. A minimum level of competency in English is required. Please see the following link with regard to English Language requirements: [**https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/policiesandgeneralregulations/generalrequirements/minimumenglishlanguagerequirements/**](https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/policiesandgeneralregulations/generalrequirements/minimumenglishlanguagerequirements/)

**Award**

The Scholarship funding is €24,000 per annum and includes University fees of up to a maximum of €5,500 and stipends at a flat rate of €18,500 per annum and is tenable for 2 years.

**Further Information/Applications**

The successful candidate will be primarily based at Teagasc, Moorepark, Fermoy, Co. Cork, Ireland, and will be registered for a Masters degree with the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine. The term of the scholarship is 2 years, beginning in January 2021.

**Application Procedure**

Please forward an electronic copy of your CV, and any additional documentation to support your application, to Dr. Emer Kennedy (emer.kennedy@teagasc.ie) or Dr. Catherine McAloon (Catherine.mcaloon@ucd.ie)

**Closing date for application**

The closing date for applications is January 8th, 2020. Interviews will be conducted the following week and the successful candidate will be required to start immediately.