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**All Permanent Secretaries,
Accountant-General of the Federation,
Auditor-General for the Federation.**

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS: 2027/2028 IRELAND FELLOWS PROGRAMME (ROGER CASEMENT FELLOWSHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS)

The Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation hereby notifies eligible Federal Civil Servants of the commencement of applications for the 2027/2028 Ireland Fellows Programme–Roger Casement Fellowship in Human Rights, administered by the Embassy of Ireland in Nigeria.

2. The Ireland Fellows Programme offers early to mid-career professionals the opportunity to undertake a fully funded one-year Master's degree at a leading university in Ireland. The Roger Casement Fellowship is specifically designed for Master's programmes in **Law, Human Rights, and Governance**.

3. Applications for the Fellowship will be open from **Monday, 29th June 2026** and will close on **Sunday, 26th July 2026**. To be eligible for the Fellowship, interested applicants must:

- a) be employed in the Federal Civil Service;
- b) have had their appointments confirmed;
- c) possess a minimum of three (3) years' relevant work experience;
- d) possess a Bachelor's degree with a minimum of Second-Class Lower Division;

- e) be on any of the Salary Grade Levels 10 -14; and
- f) meet all other eligibility requirements of the Ireland Fellows Programme.

4. The Fellowship provides comprehensive financial support, including: full tuition fees, monthly living allowance, Health insurance, and accommodation stipend.

5. Interested and eligible officers are encouraged to submit their applications directly through the Ireland Fellows Programme website www.irelandfellows.africa on or before **Sunday, 26th July 2026**.

6. Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments are requested to ensure wide dissemination of this Circular to all eligible officers.

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