



Application Form for IICN Research Grant 2026

Information about Grant Eligibility etc.

For full information, please read the IICN Research Grant Terms and Conditions.

1. What types of project are eligible for Grant Applications?

- 1.1. IICN will consider Grant Applications for funding to support a clinical research project or, in exceptional circumstances, a non-clinical applicant provided the work is of direct relevance to clinical neuroscience.
- 1.2. An independent research project or consumables/technologies (e.g. imaging, laboratory testing etc.) for an existing project. Details of other funding available to the larger project should be outlined if applicable to ensure feasibility of the project.
- 1.3. Clinicians at early career stages are actively encouraged to apply.
- 1.4. Non-disease oriented laboratory based projects will not be eligible for consideration.

2. Grant Eligibility

- 2.1. The project must be conducted at a Host Institution in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. A Host Institution includes a university or hospital (but excludes any other type of facility including but not limited to any facility operated by a private body and/ or commercial entity).
- 2.2. The location at which the research shall be performed must be a location in the Republic of Ireland and/or Northern Ireland.
- 2.3. IICN will consider applications from Principal Applicants employed by a university and/or hospital operating in Northern Ireland, provided the Research is in furtherance of the main object of IICN being teaching and education of persons in the knowledge of, promotion and organisation of research into and the diagnosis and treatment of neurological and neurosurgical disorders in Ireland. Therefore, applications received from Principal Applicants employed by Host Institutions in Northern Ireland will need to demonstrate how their proposed research would enhance diagnosis and treatment in the Republic of Ireland.
- 2.4. IICN is unable to accept applications for Grants from a researcher attached to or employed by a commercial company or private company or laboratory. IICN is unable to consider applications from any other jurisdictions (other than Ireland and/or Northern Ireland).
- 2.5. Applicants should not have received another IICN grant within the previous five years.
- 2.6. Applications may be made for more than one project. However, an individual applicant will be awarded a maximum of one grant.
- 2.7. Any director of IICN is ineligible to apply.

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- 2.8. Anyone with a ‘personal connection to a director of IICN is ineligible to apply. Charities (Amendment) Act 2024 (as amended) defines a personal connection as follows: “(i) a person is connected with an individual if that person is a child, step-child, parent, step-parent, brother, sister, spouse, civil partner, cohabitant, grandparent or grandchild of the individual or a child of the individual’s civil partner or cohabitant, (ii) a person, in his or her capacity as a trustee of a trust, is connected with an individual if that individual, or any of that individual’s children, or any body corporate that that individual controls is a beneficiary of the trust, (iii) a person is connected with any person with whom he or she is in partnership, (iv) a person is connected with any person by whom he or she is employed under a contract of service, (v) a body corporate is connected with another person if that person has control of it or if that person and persons connected with that person together have control of it, and (vi) any two or more persons acting together to secure or exercise control of a body corporate shall be treated in relation to that body corporate as connected with one another and with any person acting on the directions of any of them to secure or exercise control of the body corporate.”
- 2.9. If their Grant Application is successful, any person who is a ‘member’ of IICN (entitled to notice of and to vote at an AGM or EGM) will have to resign their membership for the duration of the research grant period.

3. What is not funded?

- 3.1. Institutional overheads.
- 3.2. Travelling expenses, travel-related costs and/or fees.
- 3.3. Funds for single items of equipment.
- 3.4. Funds that do not pertain to a specific project.
- 3.5. Costs or expenses associated with creating and/or submitting an Application and/or any aspect of the Grant Agreement process.

4. Important notes

- 4.1. Applicants are fully responsible for all costs and expenses associated with creating and submitting an Application. IICN accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any costs and/or expenses (including but not limited to legal and/or professional costs) incurred in relation to preparing and/or submitting the Application and/or any other part or element of the Grant Application process.
- 4.2. IICN has the final decision on what Applications, if any, will proceed to the next stage. If a Grant Agreement is proffered, it is subject to contract/contract denied and is not binding unless or until it is both signed and exchanged between the parties.
- 4.3. All Applications are subject to contract/contract denied. The submission of an Application does not guarantee grant funding. Not all Applications can be funded. As a registered charity, IICN has a limited budget and is constrained by its financial realities. IICN reserves the right to accept no applications during any particular year, or to accept applications but not proceed to issue Grants to any applications, for any reason whatsoever in its absolute discretion.
- 4.4. If a Grant Agreement is proffered, it is subject to contract/contract denied and is not binding unless or until it is both signed and exchanged between the parties.

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- 4.5. By submitting a completed application form, the applicant is deemed to have read and accepted the accompanying Terms and Conditions. As explained in those Terms and Conditions, whether or not a Grant Agreement has been signed, IICN reserves the right to take all necessary actions including but not limited to pausing any Grant process and/or freezing any payments, and/or terminating the Grant Agreement, and/or implementing any right or remedy specified in the accompanying terms and conditions if any aspect of the Grant might conflict section 34 Charities (Amendment) Act 2024 and/or any guidance or code(s) of conduct published by the Charities Regulatory Authority regarding agreements made by charities pursuant to Part 6A Charities Act 2009 (as amended). No right of action or claim for breach of contract or otherwise shall arise against IICN if IICN takes any of these steps.

Instructions to Applicant: Please fully complete all of the information below.

1.	Principal Applicant (must be a consultant or senior academic investigator)	
2.	Co-applicant(s) (may be senior or junior to Principal Applicant)	
3.	Name of researcher (if neither of the above)	
4.	Contact details of the Applicant(s):	
5.	Name of Host Institution (must be a university and/or hospital located in the Republic of Ireland, or Northern Ireland):	
6.	Title of project:	
7.	Abstract (not more than 200 words):	
8.	Ethical approval (if applicable): (Principal Applicant to confirm in writing that ethical approval (if necessary) for the Research has been obtained from the Ethics Committee of the Host Institution in which the Principal Applicant will carry out the Research.)	
9.	Details of proposed research or educational project:	
10.	Background (not more than 600 words):	
11.	Specific aims (not more than 300 words):	
12.	Preliminary data, if applicable (not more than 800 words):	
13.	Methods (Depending on the project proposed, this refers to either research methodology or a detailed plan for the educational project. Not more than 2000 words):	
14.	References (not more than 10):	
15.	Summary of the likely impact of the project (not more than 500 words):	

16.	Research Budget and justification: Note 1: if the Grant will be used to support a larger research project, the existing funding available to the larger project should be outlined. Note 2: Please note that Grants are a once-off, non-recurring payment. In the event that the Grant proves insufficient to cover the cost of the project, the applicant and the Host Institution may submit a further written proposal to IICN outlining the additional funding required for completion of the project. The IICN may, in its absolute discretion, provide or decline to provide such additional funding. Note 3: The Principal Applicant must confirm that the budget does not exceed what is reasonable and proportionate having regard to the Research.	
17.	Timelines of project:	
18.	Location at which the Research shall be performed (which must be a location in the Republic of Ireland and/or Northern Ireland):	
19.	Name and contact details of external reviewers with specialist knowledge relevant to the area (please give two based in Ireland, one based internationally) <u>**Note: Please ensure that you have contacted the named reviewers, and that they have agreed to review the Application.</u>	
20.	Curriculum Vitae of Applicant(s):	
21.	Curriculum vitae of the proposed researcher:	
22.	Is there any ‘personal connection’ between the Applicant, Co-Applicant(s) and any IICN director need to be declared? Note 1: IICN is a registered charity and is obliged to avoid conflicts of interest. The Charities Regulator defines a conflict of interest as any situation in which a charity trustee’s personal interests or loyalties could, or could be seen to, prevent the charity trustee from making a decision in the best interests of the charity. This personal interest may be direct or indirect, and can include interests of a person connected to the charity trustee.	

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	Note 2: A 'personal connection' is defined at (2.8) on page 2 above.	
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Applicant(s) confirmations: All of the Applicants involved in this Research Grant application hereby confirm all of the following (please tick all of the following to confirm the responses are accurate):

	✓
They have read, understood, and will be bound by the IICN Research Grant Terms and Conditions.	☐
They understand that only Applicants attached to/employed by a Host Institution (as defined in the IICN Research Grant Terms and Conditions) are eligible to apply for Grants. IICN is unable to accept applications from a private or commercial entity, or from any entity outside Ireland or Northern Ireland.	☐
The research grant budget at (16) of the Application Form does not exceed what is reasonable and proportionate having regard to the Research.	
They understand that the Grant Agreement will be between IICN and the Host Institution (not the Applicant(s)).	☐
They are not 'members' of IICN (and/or will resign as a 'member' of IICN if this research grant is successful).	☐
They are not a director of IICN.	☐
They have no 'personal connection' ¹ to a director of IICN.	☐
They accept that whether or not a Grant Agreement has been signed, IICN reserves the right to take all necessary actions including but not limited to pausing any Grant process and/or freezing any payments, and/or terminating the Grant Agreement, and/or implementing any right or remedy specified in the accompanying terms and conditions if any aspect of the Grant might conflict section 34 Charities (Amendment) Act 2024 and/or any guidance or code(s) of conduct published by the Charities Regulatory Authority regarding agreements made by charities pursuant to Part 6A Charities Act 2009 (as amended).	☐

Signature of Principal Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Co-Applicant(s):

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Date: _____

Additional important information for applicants to note:

1. The latest date for receipt of completed Applications is **5.00p.m. on 30/11/2026**
2. Completed and signed original application forms and supporting materials are to be submitted to: Irish Institute of Clinical Neuroscience, P.O. Box 351, Limerick. The application should also be sent by email to admin@iicn.ie before 30/11/2026
3. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure the Application has been received by IICN before the closing date. The Applicant should retain a copy of the acknowledgement email and/or the certificate of postage as verification that the Application was received by IICN before the closing date.
4. IICN are not responsible for Applications received after the closing date. IICN cannot consider late applications under any circumstances. Late applications will be returned to the sender.
5. Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible for consideration. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure the application form is fully completed, and all supporting materials are attached thereto.
6. If this research grant is successful, any applicant who is a "member" of IICN will need to resign that membership prior to the Charity entering into a Research Grant Agreement with the applicant's host institution. This is due to section 34 Charities (Amendment) Act 2024 which will (when commenced) regulate the manner in which a charity can lawfully enter into an agreement with or on behalf of *inter alia* a member of the Charity.
7. Applications will be considered in accordance with the IICN grant criteria, and the determination of IICN is final.
8. Personal data contained in the application form (and supporting materials) will be processed in accordance with IICN's Data Protection Policy, a copy of which is available upon request to info@iicn.ie The application form and supporting materials will be retained for the period(s) specified in the IICN Data Protection Policy.
9. By submitting personal data of third parties *inter alia* the contact details of external referees, the applicant is warranting to IICN that it has obtained those data subjects' express consent to their personal data being processed by IICN as part of this process.
10. This application (and any future Agreement) is subject to the IICN Research Grant Terms and Conditions.
11. After the closing date has passed, all applications received will be assessed to determine whether or not they are deemed complete and available for review. Valid applications will be assessed by IICN. Successful applicants will be contacted, and IICN will make contact with the Host Institution for the parties to sign an Agreement incorporating the IICN Research Grant Terms and Conditions.
12. Please note that IICN cannot support requests for additional funding, eg. if the research timelines cannot be met for any reason and/or if costs rise and/or if the research cannot be completed within the Grant.