

HRCI/HRB Joint Funding Scheme 2019/2020

Epilepsy Ireland Notes for Applicants

Pre-Application deadline: 18th November 2019

Epilepsy Ireland Application Process 2019-20

In order to better streamline the application process for both Epilepsy Ireland and for applicants, we ask applicants to complete and submit the 'Pre-application' form available at www.epilepsy.ie/content/apply-funding by 18th November 2019 at 5pm. Applicants should **not** complete the Full HRB/MRCG Application form at this stage. Following an internal review of all 'pre-applications' received, shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete the full application form (provisional deadline 24th January 2020). Please see the full timetable below for further information.

HRB Guidance Notes & Full Application Form

While the full application form should not be completed at present, we encourage **ALL** applicants to examine the full application form and supporting HRB Guidance Notes available from www.epilepsy.ie **before** completing the pre-application form in order to be fully aware of the requirements and deadlines if your application is shortlisted.

Important Clarification on Budget/ Funding available

HRB guidance notes and the application form refer to a maximum award of €300,000 on any one project of up to 3 years' duration. Please note that for all applications under the HRB/HRCI scheme made through Epilepsy Ireland, an upper limit of €150,000 applies. Please ignore all HRB/ MRCG references to a figure of €300,000. Projects can still be funded for a duration up to 3 years.

Timetable

Epilepsy Ireland Call Open	October 3 rd 2019
Pre-application deadline	November 18 th 2019
Shortlisted applicants confirmed	By Mid-December
Full application deadline	January 24 th 2020 (provisional)
International Peer Review	January 24 th – February 28 th 2020 (provisional)
Right-to Reply Phase	March 1 st – 13 th (provisional)
Epilepsy Ireland Research Committee	End March 2018
HRB Application Deadline	April 6 th 2020
Applicant Notification	September 2020
Research Project Start Date	From November 2020



Epilepsy Ireland's strategic objectives

Section 2.3 of the MRCG/HRB Full Application form asks applicants to outline how their proposed research furthers the strategic aims of the charity. When addressing this question, you may wish to refer to our 2017 - 2021 Strategic Plan which can be downloaded from our website [here](#). You may also wish to refer to our [Research section](#).

Research Objectives:

One of Epilepsy Ireland's key aims is *"To undertake, encourage, fund and communicate research into the causes of, cures for and management of epilepsy and into the social and psychological effects of the condition"*.

Epilepsy Ireland aims to support the highest quality research into all aspects of epilepsy in accordance with the above objective. Since 2009, we have invested over €1,000,000 into a broad range of projects which meet this objective. For details, see: <https://www.epilepsy.ie/content/projects-funded>.

We want to fund research that has the potential to add significantly to existing knowledge into the cause, cure, care, treatment, impact and effect of any type of epilepsy, including SUDEP. We want to focus not only on a proposal's scientific quality but also on its relevance to people affected by epilepsy and its potential to deliver tangible benefits/ outcomes to the lives of people with epilepsy through a targeted investment.

For the 2019/2020 round of research funding, we will prioritise applications on the following topics: SUDEP; cannabinoids; epilepsy and intellectual disability; Technology/Assistive Tech; Rare/Complex epilepsy; pregnancy and epilepsy; diet & nutrition in epilepsy; Psychosocial aspects (to include comorbidities, cognitive/ behavioural effects, employment/education/ QoL etc.).

* For this round only, we also wish to prioritise studies that focus directly on people with epilepsy (and/or families), rather than pure laboratory-based research. Please also note the exclusions outlined in the HRCI/HRB guidance notes which can be found on our [website](#).

Submission

Please submit your completed Pre-Application form by email by **18th November 2019** to Peter Murphy at Epilepsy Ireland (contact details below). Make sure that emails are **no larger than 5MB** in total to ensure delivery.

We would ask all applicants to adhere to the word count limits both on the pre-application form and especially if invited to complete a full application at a later stage.

The Signature page at the end of the pre-application form does not need to be posted in hard copy. Typing your name here will be sufficient. Details of the submission process relating to the Full Application will be provided to shortlisted applicants.

Contact Details

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