



Asthma Society of Ireland and Irish Thoracic Society Joint Research Bursary - €10,000

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Applications are invited for the ASI / ITS Asthma Research Bursary. The focus of the 2018 awards is to support a new research project which when implemented will improve the quality of care delivered to people with asthma and/or their families. This competition is open to all medical and allied healthcare professionals in the Republic of Ireland who are members of the Irish Thoracic Society. The bursary is supported by Novartis through an unrestricted educational grant.

PROJECT CRITERIA

Proposals must comprise a research project which will have a defined benefit for people with asthma and/or their families.

To be eligible; applicants must:

- (i) Be a registered medical or allied health professional and a member of the Irish Thoracic Society.
- (ii) Be employed in the Irish health services, whether public or private, or alternatively be an academic in an Irish research institution.
- (iii) Have support/approval from the employer/department head in which the research is being carried out.
- (iv) Conform to the ethical requirements of best research practice.

The successful candidate will be announced in February 2019. The successful applicant will be required to present their work at the ITS Annual Scientific Meeting 2019 through submission of an abstract.

Selection will be made on the basis of scientific and expert evaluation of the application and the proposed work as set out in the project description. The scoring criteria are as follows: clarity of hypothesis, innovation, feasibility, candidate eligibility and research track record, wider asthma research and implications for patient quality of life. Independent reviewers will be selected by a Joint Committee of the Asthma Society of Ireland and the Irish Thoracic Society to carry out this task and the final decision will be made by this Committee with the assistance of the reviewers'





assessments. Reviewers' assessments are strictly confidential and cannot be divulged outside the ASI/ITS, or to the candidates themselves.

Early career researchers are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will be required to submit reports at regular intervals throughout the duration of the research and an end-of-project report within a month of the end of the project. This report will be published on the ASI and ITS Websites.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A detailed Project Description is required that does not exceed 1500 words (excluding references). It must contain in sufficient scientific, medical and/or technical detail all of the following points:

- a. Introduction
- b. Objectives and underlying hypothesis;
- c. Material, methods, procedures;
- d. Relevance to asthma patients and/or their families;
- e. Relationship to your past, current and future professional activities;
- f. Reason(s) for choice of host institution;
- g. Reference to recent work/publications in the field.

Also enclose:

- i) Current Curriculum Vitae, including publications and presentations
- ii) One page summary of how you propose to use the funding.
- iii) Letter of support from intended supervisor of project (if applicable).

Applications are due by **06/01/2019** and should be submitted by email to:
info@irishthoracicsociety.com

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