



Together we can achieve a society where no person's life is limited by epilepsy
Invitation for Research Submissions – Guidance Document

Our Priorities

In supporting epilepsy research, we operate a wide focus. We want to fund any area of research that has the potential to add significantly to existing knowledge into the causes, cures, care, treatment, impact and effect of any type of epilepsy, including SUDEP. We encourage proposals for all types of research including basic, clinical, psychosocial and health services research. We 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.

2024-25 IRC EPS Capacity

We anticipate partnering on a maximum of 3 proposals in the current IRC EPS round of funding. To date we have had several more expressions of interest, so it is very likely we will need to screen/ shortlist.

Shortlisting Process

We will be asking all potential partners to provide us with a project summary and following that, a sub-group of our board will meet to review and select the top-ranking projects, based on the following criteria:

- Scientific Quality and Innovation
- Expertise & Research Environment
- Feasibility
- Significance for PWE; Potential Impact
- Strategic fit for EI

Our research sub-committee consists of Prof Mary King (Retd Paediatric Neurologist); Mary Fitzsimons (Retd Principal Physicist, Beaumont Hospital); Paul Fahey (Pharmacist) and Anne Maguire (Clinical researcher & person with epilepsy).

If selected, the applicants can then move on to completing the IRC application form.

Project Summary

There's no application form for the shortlisting, so it can just be done as a word document covering the following:

- Lay summary
- Research Q and Background information
- Project description inc Aims & Objs
- Methodology
- Deliverables
- Significance to people with epilepsy
- Short profile of the candidate (or a CV)
- Confirm whether PostGrad or PostDoc and duration/ budget.

This should be no more than 5 pages.

Timeline

As the IRC call will close on 14 Nov, we will be looking for the above by **21st October** to ensure enough time to review and for selected applicants to complete the IRC application forms. Submissions should be made to Epilepsy Ireland CEO, Peter Murphy via pmurphy@epilepsy.ie. Any additional queries or questions should be directed to Peter at the above email.

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