

Paediatric Research Project Grant 2018

Frequently Asked Questions

Can current NCRC project grant holders apply?

Individuals currently in receipt of a NCRC Research Project Grant are not eligible to apply to this call, unless they are in the **second half** of their existing award. The Scientific Advisory Council may consider an exception to this where an applicant in receipt of a NCRC Research Project Grant is on an application in a new area **or** with a new research team.

Can applicants to the Paediatric Research Project Grant 2017 call, who are still awaiting the outcome, apply?

Yes, applicants currently awaiting the outcome of the Paediatric Research Project Grant 2017 call may apply to this call, provided they are submitting a new application.

Will I receive feedback from my Paediatric Research Project Grant 2017 application in time to modify my application for submission to the 2018 call.

It is unlikely that the NCRC will be able to provide feedback on Paediatric Research Project Grant 2017 applications prior to the submission deadline for 2018 call.

Does each application have to have an academic and a clinical PI?

Yes, applications must be from a team consisting of at least one scientist affiliated with an Irish Higher Education Institution (HEI), and one paediatric clinician, nurse or allied health professional affiliated with an Irish Public Hospital. While the NCRC acknowledges that there are many clinicians, nurses and allied health professional that are also experienced researchers, the aim of this scheme is to encourage and support collaborations between scientists and research active clinicians.

Please note that if the proposed project comprises a clinical research study involving patients, a Consultant, covered by the State Claims Agency's Clinical Indemnity Scheme, must be a PI or Co-PI on the project, and must accept responsibility for those patients.

If successful, will the research team have to base themselves in the NCRC upon accepting the award?

While the preferred option is for NCRC funded research to take place, either wholly or substantively, in the NCRC labs located on the grounds of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, projects based elsewhere will be considered.

How is the gross salary of research staff calculated? Should I plan to include incremental increases in salary over the course of the award?

The NCRC provides researcher salaries in line with the IUA scales. The most up-to-date IUA recommended salary scales for researchers can be found here <http://www.iua.ie/research-innovation/researcher-salary-scales/>. Applicants should plan to include incremental increases in salary for research staff over the course of the award as per the IUA guidelines.

Does the NCRC pay pension contributions?

Yes. Please note that the employer's pension contribution must be in line with the nominated Higher Education Institution's policies, and must be included in the salary costing. Please contact your Higher Education Institution directly for information on the pension scheme for researchers.

Can I employ clinically qualified staff on the grant?

Yes, please contact the NCRC HR manager (Suzanne.Mulholland@ncrc.ie) for assistance with estimating the budget for such individuals.

Can the PI or Co-PI request a salary?

No, the NCRC does not cover PI or Co-PI salaries.

Does the NCRC cover overheads?

No, the NCRC does not cover overhead or administrative costs.

Can the NCRC host employment contracts for research staff hired under successful awards?

No. From 2017, the Higher Education Institution associated with the application must administer all aspects of the award, including employment contracts.

When will the outcome be announced?

All major grants are internationally peer reviewed, and applicants will receive the decision on their funding approximately 6 months after the submission date.

If successful, when must the project commence?

Successful project must start within 3 months of the award being granted.