

ASI Research Review Process

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) is committed to supporting research that can accelerate finding new ways to diagnose and treat dementia effectively, that has relevance, meaning and impact on how people with dementia and their carers can live better quality lives, and that can potentially discover ways to prevent dementia.

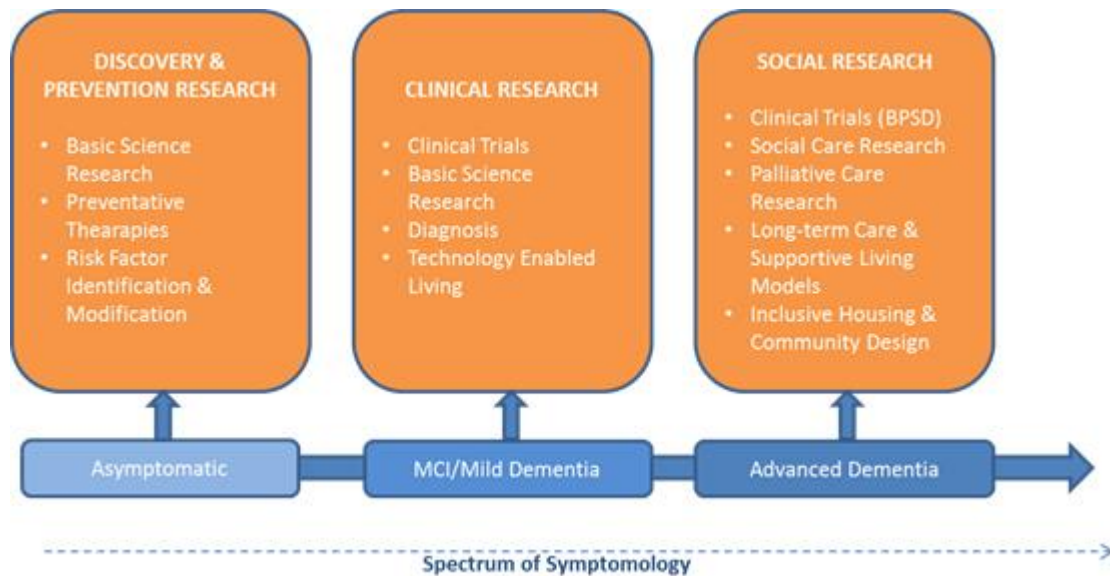
We strongly advise that researchers include Person Public Involvement (PPI) in their research projects where possible. PPI can add significant value and expertise to your research, and is now considered best practice. ASI can facilitate the involvement of PPI contributors if needed.

We are keen to support researchers in recruiting participants to their research studies and including PPI. **As an initial step please contact ASI's Policy and Research Manager, Dr Bernadette Rock (bernadette.rock@alzheimer.ie) or Research Officer Dr Laura O'Philbin (laura.ophilbin@alzheimer.ie) to discuss your research project.**

Specific criteria, as outlined below, need to be satisfied by the research applicant in order for the study to be supported by ASI. These criteria are essential as they help ensure transparency and objectivity and ensure that risk to potential participants is minimised. Please familiarise yourself with these criteria. Bernadette or Laura can discuss it with you and explore how ASI can potentially support your research process.

Essential Criteria

1. Research studies will have prior ethical approval from an Irish Research Ethics Committee.
2. Issues pertaining to consent and data protection will have been adequately addressed, and if necessary, referred to the Data Protection Committee either for informal consultation or for assessment under Article 36 GDPR, whichever is deemed most suitable in relation to the potential risk posed to individuals.
3. The research topic being addressed should fall under ASI's set of research priorities, as identified in an Irish research prioritisation exercised currently being undertaken by ASI and the Dementia and Neurodegeneration Network Ireland (DNNI). Many of these priorities are captured under the spectrum of symptomology, as outlined below:



ASI, at a national level, will support individual researchers at doctoral and post-doctoral level, as well as multi-agency consortia. This support does not include national level assistance to individual researchers pursuing undergraduate or Masters level studies or third party independent researchers. This is due to the high volume of requests that we receive. Nonetheless, local ASI services may wish to, and may have the resources to, support and facilitate local (not-for-profit) research. Please get in touch with the Research and Policy Manager (details above) and we will support you as best we can.

Where researchers request a letter of ASI recruitment support in advance of ethical approval being sought, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The researcher should submit the following details when seeking research support:

- Full copy of the research proposal
- Proof of ethical approval received
- Copies of consent/information leaflets relevant to the study
- Details of the timeframe
- Declaration of any conflicts of interest
- Written commitment to ASI to share the research findings with ASI.

ASI reserves the right not to support a research study if it has specific concerns about the nature of the research or its potential risk to participants with dementia, carers, ASI staff, or the organisation. ASI reserves the right to alter or update these Terms and Conditions at any time.