

**ASI Postgraduate Research Bursary Scheme**



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## Background

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is dedicated to supporting the development, delivery and dissemination of high-quality research and evaluation. We launched our 2022-2024 Research Strategy earlier this summer which sets our ambitious vision with three key priority areas and actions that will help to steer our work over the next two years.

One of our key priority areas ***Developing Evidence and Robust Evaluation*** seeks to develop and support quality dementia research that is in line with The ASI's mission and values and is important to our communities of people living with dementia, family carers / supporters, staff and branches. A key objective is to foster an environment supportive to the research community, with a focus on early career researchers. To this end, we have developed a small scale bursary award scheme to support postgraduate students.

## Bursary Scheme

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is delighted to offer three postgraduate bursaries for dementia research in 2022. The bursaries of up to €2,500 each will support postgraduate students to disseminate their work or engage in Person & Public Involvement (PPI).

We invite applicants from all backgrounds whose research is focused on dementia (across all disciplines and areas of work).

There are three bursary types:

### **1. Person Public Involvement (PPI) Bursary**

This bursary is intended to support PPI in your research. Appropriate uses might include introducing PPI in your work, supporting a PPI contributor to attend a conference with you, reimbursing PPI Contributors for their time and contributions, financing other costs associated with PPI (e.g., refreshments, travel for meetings / expert advisory boards etc.)

### **2. Traditional Dissemination Bursary**

This bursary is intended to support you to attend national / international conferences (including registration costs, travel, poster printing etc) or support open access publication costs associated with peer reviewed journals.

### **3. Creative Dissemination Bursary**

This bursary is intended to support creative research dissemination. It can be difficult to engage the wider public with research, particularly in the dynamic environment of dementia research. To overcome this, we are encouraging applicants to be creative in their approach for communication / dissemination of their work. We invite applications that adopt a non-traditional approach. Examples of this might include blogging, TedX talks, podcasting, events, creating multimedia content etc.

## Funding

Applicants can apply for funding of a maximum €2,500 in one stream, however this must be appropriately justified based on the activities proposed. Applications requesting lower amounts are also welcome and eligible for this award. A minimum of one bursary will be awarded under each stream.

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current postgraduate student (L9 Masters or L10 Doctoral) in a relevant area during 2022/2023 in a HEI in the Republic of Ireland.
- Applicants must normally be resident in Ireland.

## Conditions

- All applicants must check with their local research office in relation to their bursary process prior to applying.
- All applicants must check if overheads are applicable in their HEI and if so, factor this into their application budget.
- All applicants must check with their research office in regards to tax clearance and if a bursary deemed as income. This may affect other funding / revenue (SUSI grants etc).
- Any outputs resulting from The ASI Bursary Scheme should acknowledge support from The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.
- Funding must be used between October 2022 and December 2023.
- If there is an underspend in funds by the researcher, this should be reverted back to The ASI no later than 30 days after the bursary end date.

## How to apply

1. Complete the application form online [HERE](#).

## Application Review

All applications will be reviewed by a Research Review Committee which includes external professional reviewers, members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team (people living with dementia and those who act as supporters / carers) and ASI staff members. Any individual involved in the Research Review process is required to abide by The ASI's Conflict of Interest and disclosures policy.

Applications will be scored using the criteria outlined in Appendix A.

## Key Dates

The closing date for applications is 5th September 2022. Successful applications will be notified before 30th September 2022.

## Enquiries

Contact: Dr Diane O'Doherty, Research Officer at [research@alzheimer.ie](mailto:research@alzheimer.ie)

## **Appendix A: Scoring criteria**

### **PPI Bursary**

1. The applicant has clearly outlined the role of PPI in their research (10)
2. The quality of the PPI approach (10)
3. The budget is clear and costs are justified (10)

### **Traditional Dissemination Bursary**

1. The applicant has clearly justified the importance of this bursary in supporting dissemination (10)
2. The budget is clear, and costs are justified (10).
3. The research highlighted as part of this application is novel. (In your opinion, this is a new area of research or a new way of looking at the question) (5)

### **Creative/Public Dissemination Bursary**

1. The chosen method of dissemination is innovative. (E.g. The applicant seeks to or is employing new or niche dissemination) (10)
2. Dissemination methods will enable effective communication of the research to the public (10)
3. The budget is clear and costs are justified (10).

# ASI Research Bursary Application (For viewing only)

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**\*Note: Please note, this is for illustrative purposes online. Please do not fill in this form, please see the online application form here:**

[https://singuser61dbbd85.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1A1L1h9qTc07kIC](https://singuser61dbbd85.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1A1L1h9qTc07kIC)

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### Your Privacy

Please click [HERE](#) to view the ASI Privacy statement.

If you have any questions about your application please send them to [research@alzheimer.ie](mailto:research@alzheimer.ie)

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I confirm that I have read the bursary scheme outline and relevant documentation ([HERE](#))

Yes

No

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Name

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Higher Education Institute (HEI) Affiliation

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Email

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Contact Number

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What qualification are you currently studying towards?

Masters Degree

Doctoral / PhD Degree

Current Year of Study

- First year
- Second Year
- Third Year
- Fourth Year
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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When is your expected completion / graduation date? (Month/Year)

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Thesis title / Area of research

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Please provide a brief plain language summary (1500 character limit, approx. 300 words)

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Please give a brief description as to why you are interested in applying for this bursary (including impact on wider society/benefits to wider society via dissemination / PPI. [1500 character limit, approx. 300 words]).

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Which funding stream are you applying for?

- Person Public Involvement Bursary
- Traditional Dissemination Bursary
- Creative Dissemination Bursary

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*Display This Question:*

*If Which funding stream are you applying for? = Person Public Involvement Bursary*

Please outline the role of PPI in your research (1500 character limit, approx. 300 words)

*(Weighting 10 marks)*

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*If Which funding stream are you applying for? = Traditional Dissemination Bursary*

Please outline the importance of this bursary in supporting your dissemination at proposed conferences / peer-reviewed journals you are interested in (1500 character limit, approx. 300 words)

*(Weighting 10 marks)*

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*If Which funding stream are you applying for? = Creative Dissemination Bursary*

Please describe what you are planning to do and how will this be effectively communicated to the public (1500 character limit, approx. 300 words)

*(Weighting 10 marks)*

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Brief breakdown of budget - Please outline proposed costs breakdown.

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Have you received any other funding to support your postgraduate study?

No

Yes

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*If Have you received any other funding to support your postgraduate study? = Yes*

Please outline briefly below.

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Please confirm that you have:

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