

Research & Policy

July 2025 Update



THE Alzheimer
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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our July research update. We have an exciting opportunity for early career researchers below, as well as a sneak peak into our new Research & Policy Strategy.

DRATGons' Den Early Career Researcher Event

The members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team, ASI's PPI Panel, have designed a unique event to emphasize the importance of PPI in dementia research while providing a platform for ECRs to enhance their communication skills and build connections. This PPI-led knowledge exchange seminar challenges ECRs to present their research in an engaging manner, inspired by the TV show Dragon's Den.

Six successful applicants will pitch their research ideas to DRAT members in front of an audience of their fellow ECRs.

1st Prize: €3,000 funding prize

Runner Up Prize: Conference & Travel prize of €500

DRAT members will share insights and provide feedback, awarding the €3,000 prize to the best proposal presenter. Please note, this is an in-person event. Applicants must be available to attend the Ohana Floor, Salesforce Tower, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1 on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Application Criteria

- The event is open to MSc, MA, MRes and PhD students in the dementia space.
- Applicants must complete the abstract form explaining their research and potential funding use.
- Six ECRs will be selected to deliver a 10 minute presentation live at the event.
- All applicants, including those not selected for presentation, are invited to attend the interactive event and showcase their research through academic posters displayed on screens throughout the day. These can be discussed with DRAT members and fellow attendees during the networking sessions.

Key Dates

- 01/08/25 – Abstract submission closes
- 11/08/25 – Applicants informed of decision
- 23/10/25 – DRATgons' Den event takes place.
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This event is made possible with thanks to the Health Research Board Events and Conferences Sponsorship Scheme 2025.



The ASI's Newest Research & Policy Strategy



We are excited to give you a sneak peek into our new Research & Policy Strategy, set to be officially launched next week.

This new strategy sets out the objectives and actions that will guide our research activities over the coming years. It is designed to sharpen our focus – ensuring we maximise impact and drive meaningful change in the midst of a transformative period in dementia research.

Keep an eye on our social media and website next week!

For any research enquiries, please get in touch at research@alzheimer.ie