

The HRCI-HRB Joint Funding Scheme 2025/2026

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is pleased to announce its participation in the Joint Funding Scheme 2025/2026 between the Health Research Board and Health Research Charities Ireland.

Scope of the call

The ASI is committed to supporting Irish dementia research, and we now invite applications that are in line with our mission and vision, and focused on improving outcomes for people living with dementia and/or their families. The research must be novel and provide knowledge and/or tangible outputs that can enhance The ASI's ability to support people living with dementia and/or their families.

Projects can be up to two years in duration to a maximum of €240,000*. Only proposals with the potential to deliver excellent, innovative, and impactful research within the timeframe and remit of the grant will be considered for funding. In the case where the two highest-rated proposals require less than €240,000 funding combined, The ASI will endeavor to submit both applications to the HRB with a view to co-funding both.

**HRB guidance notes and the application form refer to a maximum award of €300,000 on any one project of up to 3 years' duration. Please note that for all applications under the HRCI-HRB 2025/2026 scheme made through The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, an upper limit of €240,000 across two years applies.*

Instructions to applicants

Please consult HRCI-HRB Joint Funding Scheme 2025 Guidance Notes for Applicants for information on eligibility criteria, appropriate costs, assessment, policies, and procedures.

Expression of Interest

In order to better streamline the application process for both ASI and for applicants, we ask applicants to complete and submit the Expression of Interest form by **12th September 2025 at 5pm**.

Applicants should not complete the full HRCI-HRB Application form at this stage. We strongly recommend that applicants review the HRB Guidance notes (including the notes on exclusions).

Following an internal review of all Expression of Interest forms received, shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete the full application form for consideration by International Peer Reviewers.

Review Process

- Stage 1: Internal Review of Expression of Interest forms to develop shortlist for full application
- Stage 2: International Peer Review and Applicant's Right to Reply
- Stage 3: Highest-ranking proposals submitted for consideration under the HRCI-HRB Joint Funding Scheme.

Key Dates – Timelines: (please note, some timelines are provisional and may be subject to change by the HRCI / HRB and The ASI)

Deadline for Expression of Interest forms	12 th September 2025 at 5pm
Notification of invitation to submit full application	24 th October 2025
Full application due if shortlisted	25 th November 2025 at 1pm
International Peer Review of Full Applications deadline	26 th February 2026
Right to Reply Phase following International Peer Review	27 th February – 13 th March 2026
Charity endorsement & short listing deadline	3 rd April 2026

Further Information

Please direct any questions to research@alzheimer.ie or any queries about the scheme to HRCI-HRBJFS@hrb.ie

Further information is available on the HRCI website – <https://hrci.ie/joint-funding-scheme/>