



DRATgons' Den 2026

ECR Researcher Travel Bursary - Applicant Information



Background

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) is delighted to offer a limited number of travel bursaries to Early Career Researchers (ECRs) travelling from outside Dublin to attend DRATgons' Den 2026. Hosted by the Dementia Research Advisory Team (DRAT), The ASI's dedicated Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) panel, DRATgons' Den is a PPI-led knowledge exchange seminar inspired by the TV show Dragons' Den.

ECRs will have the opportunity to pitch their dementia-related research to a panel of our friendly "DRATgons" for the chance to win a €3,000 funding prize!

Date: Wednesday 9th December 2026

Location: Ohana Floor, Salesforce Tower, Dublin

Find more information about DRATgons' Den 2026 [HERE](#).

Bursaries

A limited number of bursaries are available to early career researchers whose research is focused on or related to dementia and brain health (across all disciplines and areas of work).

Eligibility

Applicants must be early career researchers, inclusive of:

- Current postgraduate student (L9 Masters or L10 Doctoral) in, or affiliated with, a Higher Education Institute on the island of Ireland.

Applications for bursaries are open to all eligible Early Career Researchers, regardless of whether they have submitted an abstract or are attending as a member of the audience.

Funding

We have a limited bursary fund available to support reasonable travel costs for Early Career Researchers travelling from outside Dublin to attend DRATgons' Den 2026. The bursary aims to reduce financial barriers and support equitable access to the event.

Travel will need to be booked by the ASI on behalf of successful recipients. Applicants should therefore provide, where relevant, specific costings and detailed information on proposed travel dates and times, including links to relevant transport options where appropriate.

Conditions

All bookings will be made through The ASI on behalf of the recipient. It is the responsibility of each recipient to ensure they provide the most up to date information and costings to the ASI. The ASI does not retain any responsibility for changes to public travel that are out of our control. Where there are any additional charges incurred due to changes etc., this will be covered by the recipient.

Application Review

Please note that bursaries will be selected at random from eligible applications and not subject to a formal peer review process.

How to apply

Complete the application form online: [DRATgons' Den Travel Bursary Application Form](#)

Key Dates

The closing date for applications is 5pm on 16th October 2026. Successful applicants will be notified before 6th November 2026 at COB.

Enquiries

Contact: Dr Sally Yalley, Research Officer at research@alzheimer.ie

Watch the highlights from last year here: [DRATgons' Den 2025](#).

