Medical Council-INHED Research in Medical Education (RIME) Awards

### Background

The development of medical education research in Ireland is a shared objective of the Medical Council and INHED. To promote research and scholarly activity in medical education in Ireland, the Medical Council funds 3 INHED research grants of €5000 each to facilitate research across the continuum of medical education.

### Objective

The grants are intended to support building medical education research capacity in Ireland whilst answering questions of national and international importance and contributing to the knowledge base for medical education and training in Ireland and the development of Medical Council policy.

### Scope

Application is open to Principal Investigators from the Republic of Ireland only. However, the opportunity for applications to link within and across jurisdictions is recognised and welcomed.

Applications for research pertaining to the following phases of training will be prioritised:

* Undergraduate Medical Education
* Postgraduate Medical Education and Training
* Life Long Learning / Continuous Professional Development

Several indicative themes have also been included to guide applicants and reflect the policy needs of the Medical Council.

* Transitions in Medical Education
* Supporting the Well-being of Students and the Workforce
* The Impact of Environment and Culture on Teaching, Learning and Assessment
* Inclusivity in Medical Education
* Fostering Research in Medical Education
* Preparedness for Practice
* Sustainability in Medical Education
* Artificial Intelligence in Medical Education

Applications which focus on an area outside of the thematic areas outlined above will be considered eligible where the applicant presents a compelling and justifiable case for how the project possesses the strong potential to impact policy and/or practice in medical education and training in Ireland.

The Research in Medical Education Awards will not fund:

* Literature reviews, curriculum developments, service evaluation or audits (although these elements may be part of an integrated research study).
* Implementation of an intervention without a predominant research element.
* The research funding cannot be used towards continuing education courses/fees e.g. PGDip, MSc/PhD fees.

### Funding

The award will be up to a maximum total value of **€5,000** for a project of a maximum of 12 months. **This is a no overheads award.**

### Application process

Applications are to be submitted via the online application portal at <https://www.inhed.ie/rime/>

### Application review process and assessment criteria

Applications will be subject to review by a panel of medical education experts. Members of the panel will be selected based on their expertise and experience in the field of medical education and training research and reflecting on the research areas, concepts and methods outlined in the submitted proposals. Conflict of interest rules will be applied rigorously. Peer reviewers will not provide comments or scores on any application on which they have a conflict of interest.

### Timeframe

February 2025: Grant call opens

**March 28th 2025: Deadline for submission of applications (5pm)**

May 2025: Announcement of awards at INHED 2025 ASM

Spring 2026: Interim project oral presentation at INHED 2026 ASM

July 2026: Submission of interim report to INHED

Spring 2027: Final project oral presentation at INHED 2027 ASM (to include information about outputs from the project)

July 2027: Submission of the final report with updates to INHED regarding outputs from funded work

Please see the guidelines regarding the completion of the application form on the next page:

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**Guide for RIME Applicants**

Dear Applicants,

As a guide, the following criteria will be used to evaluate each submission:

* Evidence that the project links directly with priority areas identified in the call, or with an area for which appropriate justification is provided.
* Background and rationale are clear. The problem is clearly outlined and is considered important.
* Clarity as to the aims and objectives of the work is offered.
* Detail on design and methodology, including justification of sample selection and exclusion criteria, is included.
* Depending on the research design, details of sample size or power calculations and proposed analysis have been explained.
* Coherence between the aims and objectives and research methodology exists.
* The application clearly outlines and justifies the process(es) of evaluation and expected outcome(s).
* Success criteria for the proposed research have been outlined.
* Challenges to the proposed work have been offered.
* Ethics requirements, potential issues and procedures have been detailed.
* Appropriate and robust research governance is evident.
* Resource and budgetary requirements are clearly described.
* A Gantt chart indicating a schedule for the completion of work, including the timing of key milestones and deliverables, is included.
* Projected outputs and dissemination are detailed.
* Expected research impact is described.

Applicants will be provided with constructive feedback if requested.

Kind Regards,

INHED Research Sub-Committee