Emerging Investigator Awards for Health 2019

Frequently Asked Questions

<u>**General**</u>

How do I apply for the Emerging Investigator Awards for Health?

The Emerging Investigator Awards for Health scheme will use a two-stage application process consisting of:
1. Open call for Pre-application stage(Stage 1)
2. Invitation of selected applicants to submit a Full Application (Stage 2).

All applications must be made using the HRB online Grant E-Management System GEMS https://grants.hrb.ie

<u>**Eligibility of Lead Applicant**</u>

Can a Lead Applicant submit more than one application?
No, only one application per Lead Applicant will be considered in this round.

I am a health-related researcher with less than 4 years postdoctoral experience, can I apply?
No, you must demonstrate at least <u>4 years active</u> research experience (with no gaps or flexible work arrangements) and so have received your PhD in 2014 or before.

I am a professional in practice and I don't have 4 years active post-PhD research experience, can I apply?
You must demonstrate a minimum of <u>4 years active</u> post PhD research or research and professional experience related to your current role in practice. If you have no gaps in your CV or any flexible work arrangements you must have received your PhD at least in 2014.

Is there any upper limit of number of years research (and professional) experience post-PhD?
No there is not

Does a Lead Investigator need to have last author publications?
There is no minimum amount of publications required for eligibility. However, Lead Applicants must be able to demonstrate their contribution to scientific knowledge and the potential to become independent investigator by describing up to four of their most significant intellectual research contributions and research outputs to date. It is expected they would have several peer-review publications and other research outputs.

If the Lead Applicant has a fixed-term Academic contract of duration of more than two years, can s/he apply?
No, the duration of the academic contract should be less than two years from the deadline of this call. This does not include individuals who are currently employed through research grants with typical post-doctoral/research fellows, as these individuals are eligible to apply.

If the Lead Applicant is currently supervising other researchers, is s/he eligible to apply?
Lead Applicants who are already supervising early career researchers on research projects they are directing <u>are not</u> eligible to apply to the EIA 2019 as it is one of the definitions of independent investigator for the purpose of this scheme.

On the other hands, if the Lead Applicant is co-supervising (not the primary supervisor) other early career researchers or is supervising them as post-doc or similar, s/he would be eligible to apply. Please contact the HRB for any further clarification.

I have received a peer-review research grant, am I eligible to apply?
The Lead Applicant <u>must not</u> have received as lead investigator/lead applicant any previous substantial research grant funding with a value equal or above €100K, including as work package leaders in EU funded research projects/programmes. Individuals previously in receipt of HRB or other personal awards at R1 or R2 level, such as fellowships or other career development awards or other small (below 100K) research grants are eligible to apply.

<u>**Mentor, Co-Applicants, and Collaborators**</u>

Please note that full information on the Mentor and co-Applicants are required at pre-application stage. On the other hand, no information will be requested on collaborators until full application stage, but you are advised to start identifying key collaborators at an early stage.

What is the role of the mentor?
The Mentor will provide support and guidance to the lead applicant during the award, and support the acquisition of the set of skills necessary for having an effective and active role in actionable knowledge in health research.

Who should the mentor be?
The mentor should be an individual capable of demonstrating a track record in knowledge application, translation and or implementation, in addition to experience in leadership, networking, collaboration and influencing clinicians, executives, health care personnel, policy makers and/or other relevant stakeholders.

Can the mentor be my current supervisor?
It is strongly advised that the mentor will not be the current sponsor of the Lead Applicant, and preferably not be based in the same Department as the Lead Applicant, in order to facilitate an appropriate balance between the supporting and guiding role of the mentor, and the independence to be achieved by the Lead Applicant in the mentorship arrangements. If proposing the current sponsor you must properly justify your choice.

Can the mentor be also a co-applicant?
Yes, when properly justified by the specific role on the project and not just for the visibility or funding track record of the mentor. Otherwise it is advisable that the mentor and co-applicants being different.

Does the mentor need to approve my application before submitting it?
Yes

Can a Co-Applicant receive payment for their role in the project?
No, for the purpose of this scheme a Co-Applicant cannot receive salary support.

How many Co-Applicants can I have?
The maximum number of Co-Applicants allowed is five. If selecting the Mentor also as Co-Applicant you can add up to four co-applicants.

Can a Co-applicant/Collaborator be from outside Ireland?
Yes, Co-applicants/Collaborators from outside Ireland are welcome where the nature of the research makes this necessary.

Will Co-Applicants approve my applications before submitting it/
No, only the Mentor will approve it before submitting to the Host institution for final approval and submission to the HRB..

Will the HRB pay for visits from or to Co-applicants/Collaborators?
Yes, visits to or from Co-Applicants/Collaborators where justified may be included under running costs.

Is a Collaborator agreement form needed?
A Collaborator agreement form must be signed by each Collaborator and uploaded with your application at the full application stage.

Can a Collaborator be from private enterprise?
Yes, a collaborator may be from private enterprise. Applications from a private enterprise are encouraged where they add value to the project for example in terms of access to expertise, technologies or reagents. The HRB does not have the capacity to broker these arrangements. The terms of the collaboration should be determined early and relevant agreements must be in place by the onset of the project. Consideration should be given to issues such as relative responsibilities, governance arrangements, intellectual property rights, reporting and access to data and samples.

Can a Collaborator receive payment for their role in the project?
Yes, collaborators are eligible to receive funding from the award when properly detailed and justified in the application.

Scope
Please read carefully page 5 and 6 of the guidance notes

I'm not sure if my application fits with the scope of the call.
Guidance and details of the research areas covered can be found in Appendix I. If after reading this you are still unsure please contact the HRB for further guidance.

Funding and duration
Please note that more details on the budget will be provided at full application stage.

How much can I apply for?
Awards will typically be in the region of €600-700K inclusive of overheads
In exceptional circumstances and where the nature of the project justifies it, funding up to €800K can be requested.

Awards are up to 48 months duration for both full-time and part-time Lead Applicants.

Supporting Documents

What documents should be uploaded with my application form?
At Pre-Application stage there are no supporting documents to be submitted

Submission

Submission process using GEMS
Prior to final submission to the HRB, all applications must first be reviewed and approved within GEMS by the signatory approver at the research office (or equivalent) at the Host Institution (see Appendix V of Guidance Notes). It is critical therefore that Lead Applicants leave sufficient time in the process for the Research Office (or equivalent) in their nominated Host Institution to review, seek clarifications and

approve applications prior to the final submission date. This may involve being aware of and complying with any internal Host Institution deadlines for review and approval, distinct from the HRB deadline.

What is the closing date for submission of applications?
All pre-applications must be submitted to the HRB by using HRB GEMS by **Thursday, 30 August 2018 at 13.00**.

How will I know that my application has been successfully submitted?
Once the HI endorses your application it will be sent automatically to the HRB to be considered for funding, a grant application number will be assigned to the application and you will receive a confirmation email.

I have submitted my application but have just realised I have amendments to make; can I amend the application?
No, once you have submitted your application, you cannot edit or unsubmit it.

Stage 2 Application (Full application)

When will I know if I go through stage 2?
The panel will meet to discuss all eligible applications received on the 9 October. We plan to notify you by the 15 October 2018 and if shortlisted the full application stage will be open.

Will I receive feedback from the panel?
Yes all applicants will receive a short feedback after the panel discussion.