

HRB-HRCI Joint-Funding Scheme 2026: Applications approved for funding

Lead Applicant	Application Title	Co-funding Charity	Host Institution
Alan Davidson	Targeting IL-6 in cystinosis: Preclinical studies in the Ctns-/- rat	Cystinosis Ireland	University of Auckland
Professor Patrick Redmond	YO-FIT: Implementation and Safety Evaluation of Direct-Access Faecal Immunochemical Testing for Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis in Primary Care	Breakthrough Cancer Research	RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences
Dr Martin Barr	Unravelling the prognostic potential and therapeutic targeting of ferroptosis biomarkers in lung adenocarcinoma	Breakthrough Cancer Research	Trinity College Dublin
Professor Adam Byrne	Targeting iron-driven macrophage dysfunction to predict and treat lung fibrosis	Irish Thoracic Society	University College Dublin
Professor Brendan Kennedy	Elucidating The Role of Extracellular Vesicles in Common Pathogenic Pathways That Drive Retinal Degeneration	Fighting Blindness	University College Dublin
Professor Mark Cunningham	MEG Assisted Planning for Intraoperative Targeting (MAP-IT)	Epilepsy Ireland	Trinity College Dublin
Dr Emma O'Shea	Exploring perspectives on mental health care in people living with Parkinson's disease to inform clinical practice in movement disorder services	Parkinson's Ireland	University College Cork
Dr Michelle Spirtos	Supporting Transition to Adulthood Resources for young people with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (STAR DMD)	Muscular Dystrophy Society of Ireland	Trinity College Dublin
Professor David Henshall	CONTACTS – Characterizing Epilepsy Outcomes via Neurophysiological and Transcriptomic Analysis of stereoEEG Contacts	Epilepsy Ireland	RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences
Dr Damir Vareslija	Targeting a Conserved Proliferative Program to Enable Early Detection and Treatment of Brain Metastases Across Multiple Cancer Types	Irish Cancer Society	RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Dr Judith Bek	FRAME-PD: Feedback and Remote Analysis of Movement in home-based Exercise for Parkinson's disease	Parkinson's Ireland	University College Dublin
Dr Cristina Reschke	DS-COMBINE: A Multi-Modal, Circadian-Informed Strategy for Personalised Care in Adults with Dravet Syndrome	Epilepsy Ireland	RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences