HRB Frequently Asked Questions OHAMR Joint Transnational Call (2027)

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This FAQ is specific to applicants based in Ireland and should be read in addition to the full call information: https://ohamr.eu/calls/joint-transnational-call-2027/.

Eligibility

Q: Will HRB fund all Topics under this call?

A: No, HRB will fund applications in all One Health settings under Topic 1 and Topic 3, provided the research focus clearly demonstrates its relevance and connection to Human Health. The HRB will not fund applications under Topic 2. Research Ireland will fund applications in all One Health settings under Topics 1, 2 and 3. DAFM will only fund applications under Topic 2, targeting the Environment, Animal or Plant settings. For more details, please refer to Annex A of the Call Text or the Research Ireland and DAFM websites.

Irish Partners are also not eligible for HRB funding for:

- Proposals involving basic biomedical research.[1]
- Research intended to create human embryos solely for the purposes of research or for the purposes of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.
- Applications from individuals applying for, holding, or employed under funding received from the tobacco industry.[2]
- Applications from individuals applying for, holding, or employed under funding received from the alcohol industry and related actors.[3]

See the full OHAMR call text for full information on scope.

Q: Can consortia apply for funding from both HRB and Research Ireland for the same research proposal?

A: No, consortia can only apply for funding from one national funder for a given proposal and can only apply to HRB provided the Irish partner's research focus clearly demonstrates its relevance and

[1] Basic biomedical research refers to very early stage, fundamental research. HRB permits pre-clinical research within this call on the understanding that pre-clinical studies represent an important stage of research that occurs before testing in humans to find out if a drug, treatment or procedure is likely to be useful. Work with animal models and human samples is eligible under this call.

[2] Any company, entity, or organisation involved in the development, production, promotion, marketing, or sale of tobacco in any country of the world. The term also includes any companies that are a subsidiary or a holding company or affiliate of the above. This also includes e-cigarette companies and non-tobacco related companies which are fully or partially owned by the tobacco industry.

[3] Including social aspects/public relations organisations (SAPROs) funded by alcohol companies or trade associations in which such companies are members.

connection to Human Health under Topic 1 or Topic 3. Proposals under Topic 2 are encouraged to consider funding opportunities available through Research Ireland or DAFM.

Q: Do Lead Applicants have to be permanent staff members?

A: No, contracted researchers and Adjunct Professors can apply. To be eligible, these applicants must provide a letter from the Host Institution (HI) as follows:

- **Contracted researchers:** letter to endorse their application, confirming they have the authority and resources allocated to hold and manage a grant under their particular status for the duration of the award. All **contracted researchers** must also have a contract with a HI for the duration of the grant award or assure the HRB that they will be offered a contract for the period of the award if successful and this must be stated in their letter of support
- **Adjunct Professors:** letter to confirm that the applicant has the authority and resources allocated to hold and manage a grant under their Adjunct status for at least the duration of the award.

This should be provided to HRB-JTCs@hrb.ie at time of submission.

Q: Can Early Career Researchers be Lead Applicants?

A: Yes, if they meet the Lead Applicant eligibility criteria. Please note that if you are listed as an Early Career Researcher (ECR) in the application, you must nominate a mentor and provide a letter of support from your mentor and their CV. See the HRB call webpage for full information ECRs as Lead Applicant/Principal Investigator.

Q: Can multiple Lead Applicants from Ireland apply?

A: Yes. More than one applicant from Ireland can apply once the consortium eligibility criteria are met. If the two applicants are at separate Institutions, they must apply as separate partners. Please note that no more than two partners per consortium can request funding from HRB.

Q: Are Host Institutions in Northern Ireland able to participate?

A: HRB will not fund Host Institutions in Northern Ireland in this call. Applicants based in these institutions should instead check their eligibility for funding from the relevant UK funder.

Q: What types of organisations can participate?

A: HRB can only fund approved Host Institutions (with the exception of Host Institutions based in Northern Ireland as noted above). Other organisations in Ireland can only be included as non-funded partners, not being able to receive any HRB funding.

HRB cannot provide funding to Enterprise organisations as partners or collaborators.

Q: May project participants be included in more than one application to this call?

A: Each applicant can submit a maximum of two proposals and can only one be a coordinator on one.

Budget preparation

Q: Does the contribution from HRB include pension costs and overheads?

A: The maximum HRB funding of €430,000, or €530,000 for coordinators, must include pension costs and overheads. Note that there is a maximum of €330,000 and €405,000 direct costs (excludes overheads) respectively.

Q: What is the overhead rate on an award successfully funded through this scheme?

A: The overhead payment is 25% of Total Direct Modified Costs (TDMC) for desk-based research and 30% for lab-based research. TDMC excludes student fees, equipment, sub-contracting and capital building costs. The rate (25% or 30%) should be selected based on the primary activity of the project and applied at a flat rate across the project. Please see HRB Policy Usage of Research Overheads.

Q: What does the additional funding for coordinators cover?

A: Consortium coordinators may request this funding. It will cover activities specifically incurred due to consortium coordination activity. This will not cover research-related costs (excludes equipment and consumables) but could cover costs such as salaries, travel and administration related to coordination, as well as associated overheads.

These costs should be clearly marked or explained in the budget submitted to HRB so that HRB staff can confirm that the additional funds are being attributed to coordination activities.

Q: Is it possible to transfer funds to a project partner?

A: No, it is not permitted to transfer funds to partners in other countries. In joint transnational calls, project partners are funded by their respective national/regional funding organisations, so each partner should cost accurately and appropriately for activities within their own country and seek this funding from the relevant national funder.

Submission

Q: Is additional documentation required by the HRB at application stage?

A: There are three cases where additional documentation is required:

- Applicants to OHAMR Joint Transnational Call must demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria by completing the Lead Applicant eligibility form by the submission deadline. This applies to all applicants to this call.
- Letters of support are required (a) from the Host Institution for researchers in Adjunct or contract positions and (b) from the mentor of Early Career Researcher (ECR) applicants (where marked as ECR in the application). For more details, please see the Eligibility section above.
- You must send the final application to your Research Office (RO) who will complete the HI JTC sign-off form and return this along with the application to HRB. The deadline for sign-off is three working days after the submission deadline. We require HI sign off for each project partner that is requesting funding from HRB.
- At full proposal submission, participants from institutions in Ireland will be asked to submit supplementary budgetary information to the HRB, which will justify the HRB funds requested. In addition, applicants will be requested to clarify the specific deliverables for the partner from Ireland, including their role in the development of a Data Management Plan.

  This will expedite contract negotiations with the HRB and monitoring of the award in the case of successful consortia with applicants from Ireland.

  A template requesting this further information will be provided by the HRB after invitation for submission of full proposals.

Assessment and Decision-making

Q: Since prioritisation will be assessed internationally and multiple funders are involved in each project, how are final decisions made?

A: Projects are ranked by the peer review panel and placed in groups. As the OHAMR call comprises three distinct call topics, proposals are assessed and ranked separately within each topic. The funders then use the three topic-specific ranking lists to make decisions on funding as follows.

- The project must be considered of sufficient quality to be funded. This cut-off is set by the peer review panel and availability of funds is not considered in making this assessment. However, the panel endeavours to recommend a sufficient number projects so that funders can maximise the use of available funds and, therefore, the number of proposals funded – this means that more projects will be recommended than there will be funds available.
- For each topic-specific ranking list, projects in the highest ranked group are prioritised for funding first and funders cannot move to a lower group until all projects in the group(s) above are funded.
- All relevant funders must have sufficient budget remaining to cover all consortium partners. For this call, there is also some additional gap-filling funding which will help to fund projects where funders have run out of budget. Additionally, funders will seek to find other mechanisms through which to fill gaps and maximise the number of projects funded.

When funds are depleted, no further projects can be funded, irrespective of whether they have been deemed of sufficient quality to be funded.

- When funds are low and proposals of equal ranking are in competition for any remaining funding, the selection is then made based on additional criteria laid out in the call text for the call. This can include factors such as whether a partner in the consortium is from an underrepresented country, whether the project addresses an underrepresented aim of the call, maximising the number of funders contributing to the call etc.

Post-award

Q: Where will intellectual property generated by the project reside?

A: The management of Intellectual Property (IP) is the responsibility of the Host Institution in line with the National IP protocol. If more than one research performing organisation is involved, a joint IP agreement should be in place between the relevant institutions. In the absence of a joint agreement, the management of any IP remains the responsibility of the Host Institution.

Q: Do I have to submit a Data Management Plan to the HRB if I am not the coordinator?

A: As per the HRB policy on Management and Sharing of Research Data, the HRB requests a Data Management Plan (DMP) for all HRB awards. The DMP developed by the consortium can be used, once there is sufficient detail on how the data will be shared/managed etc. for the partner based in Ireland.

Q: What reports are required?

A: In addition to consortium reporting requirements (as stated in the main call text)**,** the HRB will request reports (e.g., annual reports) from Principal Investigators based in Ireland.