TCD MED Research Impact Awards 2022

The €21,000 TCD MED Research Impact Awards Programme 2022 aims to promote and enhance communication of research impact in a language relevant to all stakeholders. Priority will be given to that research with demonstrable and significant benefit to the respective audience or stakeholder group most affected by the research findings. In 2022, there will be 3 awards of €7,000 each. The initiative aims to highlight research with potential positive impact on society.

Fund Objective

These awards will enable School of Medicine researchers to promote research excellence with findings that have the potential to impact positively on society.

Research Focus Areas

Proposals must focus on research impact in one of the following focus areas:

1. Children’s Health
2. Cancer
3. Personalised Medicine
4. Mental Health and Neuroscience
5. Infection and Immunology
6. Population Health and Health Policy
7. Ageing

Evaluation Criteria

The Research Impact Awards will be evaluated with proposals that align with one or more of the following criteria:

1. Public and patient involvement in health research
2. Enhancing Academic Reputation
3. Developing new educational material
4. Promoting change in clinical practice.
5. External collaboration and an interdisciplinary approach to research
6. Excellence in education and teaching
7. Innovation
8. Communication and societal engagement

Key Dates

Opening Date: Thursday 18th November 2021
Closing Date: Monday 10th January 2022 at 5pm
Award Announcement: Monday 31st March 2022

Eligibility criteria

- Open to all career stage candidates
- Applicants should be a member of the academic or research staff of the School of Medicine for the duration of the proposal project. Clinical affiliated and clinical adjunct colleagues are eligible to apply.
This programme is NOT open to applicants who have been awarded “seed” funding from Trinity College Dublin in the last 2 years, e.g. Dean of Research Booster Award or Dean of HS Research Initiative Award.

How to apply

The application comprises four sections which should not exceed a maximum of 7 pages. The applications should be submitted as a pdf and include all four sections in the order described below. Completed application packs must be submitted electronically to research.medicine@tcd.ie by Monday 10th January 2022 at 5pm. All sections must be 1.5 spaced, with one inch margins, and 11 point Calibri font. Insert name title of Project and Applicant name on all page headers, except Cover Page.

Application pack & sections

I. Cover Page: 1 page maximum
Applicant details and Project Outline
- Title of project
- Name of applicant, title and discipline
- Contact email and phone number
- Project Abstract: 200 words or fewer in lay person’s language

II. Project Description: 3 page maximum
- Project Title:
- Summary Description of Project (max 200 words to explain how this aligns with the remit of the Pillar 4 of the School Research Strategy):
- Project Aims, Approach and Timeline (include details of preparation stages and final completion date):
- Target Audience:
- Communications Strategy (how will your audience find out about your event/initiative?):
- Expected Impact of Your Project on the Target Audience and Theme (max 200 words):
- How the award will advance the actions in Pillar 4 of the School of Medicine’s Strategic Plan

III. CV & Track Record & Mid-term career plan
- Applicant CV – one page
- Track record – one page

IV. Budget: 1 page maximum
- Budget breakdown for €7,000 over 12 months
- Detailed Costing (please give as much detail as possible of all proposed purchases, their estimated prices and their function within the project. Within the costing you must note if you plan to charge participants for any element of your project – e.g. an event entry fee - or if your project involves any kind of fundraising for a charitable cause):
- Alternative Sources of Funding (please specify any additional sources of funding that will be or could be used by this project. If there are no other sources of funding available to your project, please state accordingly)
**Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals for funding will be reviewed based on the following scoring criteria:

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<td>Significant Scientific, Scholarly Merit</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Evidence of innovative, transformative research and scholarship linked to Pillar 4 of the <a href="#">School of Medicine research strategy 2021-2026</a></td>
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<td>Applicants Track record and CV</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>The record of achievement of the researcher will be evaluated, with particular emphasis on how this project will contribute to expanding the applicant’s scientific skills and collaborative network in the context of the <a href="#">School’s Research Strategic vision and values</a></td>
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<td>Public Patient Involvement and/or engagement with policy makers and public outreach</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>It is important that the applicant outlines his/her experience in Public Patient Involvement and/or engagement with policy makers and public outreach. It would be helpful to describe specific details of how Public Patient Involvement and/or engagement with policy makers and public outreach will be incorporated in the project and how this activity will contribute to the candidate’s career progression and medium term funding plan.</td>
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**Review Panel and Awards**

- Proposals will be reviewed by a Peer Review Committee
- Awards for winning proposals will be based on the recommendations of the Peer Review Committee with the final decision by the Director of Research.

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**Subject Line:** TCD MED Impact Awards 2022-2023

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