

Enterprise Ireland in partnership with Health Innovation Hub Ireland recognise the importance of clinical innovation to address current unmet clinical needs for patients within the healthcare system and wider medtech sector. The Clinical Innovation Awards are designed to support clinicians and other healthcare professionals in Ireland to explore the commercial feasibility of their innovative ideas and the potential to transform the way medical care is delivered in Ireland and abroad. The Award welcomes innovative technologies at all stages of development from concept, early-stage research through to more advanced projects.

**WHAT IS THE CLINICAL INNOVATION AWARD?**

The winners of the award will receive a €15,000 [Enterprise Ireland Commercialisation Feasibility Fund](https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/Researcher/Funding-to-Commercialise-Research/) to investigate the commercial feasibility of their innovative idea in Ireland and international markets.

Winners may have an opportunity to engage with the [Clinical Entrepreneur Programme](https://nhscep.com/) in the NHS.

**The closing date for applicationS is 4th October 2024**

**PROJECT TITLE**

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**APPLICANT DETAILS**

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| Name: |
| Department: |
| Healthcare Organisation: |
| **Associated Academic Institution:** |
| **Nearest Hub Location (please tick): Cork □ Dublin □ Galway □** |
| Email: |
| Mobile number: |

Please complete sections 1-4. The Lead Applicant and a member of the associated academic institution’s Technology Transfer Office (TTO) MUST sign the application.

1. Outline the problem you will solve and who will benefit from it? (Maximum 1 page)
* Describe the problem/healthcare need that you intend to solve and how you discovered it?
* Outline how this problem/ healthcare need is currently managed in the clinical setting?
* How big is the problem, in Europe, USA and worldwide?
* Who have you spoken to about the problem and your solution? List these people and outline their feedback.
1. Describe your proposed solution **(Maximum 1 page)**
* Provide a description of your solution.
* Who are the customers/end users/key stakeholders of your solution and describe how they will benefit from it?
* Describe the stage of development of your solution i.e., concept, prototype etc. Use the [*technology ready level*](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016_2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-g-trl_en.pdf) (TRL) for guidance.
1. Outline the advantages of your solution? **(Maximum 1 page)**
* Describe the novelty of your solution.
* Identify competitor products and conduct a competitive analysis detailing the strengths and weaknesses of existing solutions compared to your solution. This can be presented in a table format.
1. How do you intend to use the Commercialisation Feasibility award? (Maximum 1/2 page)
* Identify the activities/tasks, listed in the *INFORMATION NOTES* that are relevant to scoping the commercial case for your solution and why?

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| Applicant Signature: | Date: |
| TTO Signature: | Date: |

**For more information and support prior to submission, please contact:**

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**Submission Process**

1. **Complete and sign your application form** and submit via this portal. ([Link)](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/36881e99b99540cfbecb2415efdfc20c)
2. **Receive a confirmation email** of your submission by following the instructions at the Submission Confirmation section of the portal.
3. Identify the [Technical Transfer Officer](https://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/Research_in_Ireland/Technology-Transfer-Offices/) (TTO) in your [associated academic institution](https://www.gov.ie/en/service/colleges-and-universities-in-ireland/) and notify them of your application **at least 1 week** prior to submission deadline. They will be required to **sign off** the application. Relevant TTOs can be contacted via the research office in the associated academic research institution – see map [here](https://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/Research_in_Ireland/Research-Map-of-Ireland/).
4. **An up-to-date CV from the lead applicant,** must be included with the application submission.

I**NFORMATION NOTES**

**Who is Eligible?**

* **Lead applicants** must be employed and have ongoing clinical commitments in the Irish health service.
* All healthcare professionals in public hospitals, third level institutions and non-profit research organisations.
* Academics and researchers in third level institutions working or partnering with a healthcare professional.
* Applicants must identify the associated academic institution for their hospital or healthcare centre.

**Purpose of the award**

The award will enable the applicant to engage relevant external experts/consultants to scope the commercial case for their proposed innovation/technology solution. The award can also fund a small demonstration model or early prototype, up to the maximum value of €5,000.

Commercial consultant activities include:

* Identify the commercial opportunity for the innovation or technology solution via market research.
* Engage with potential customers, end-users, industries and other relevant stakeholders
* Profile emerging and existing competitor landscape for the innovation or technology solution
* Investigate the patent landscape and plan IP strategy
* Understand the regulatory issues or other barriers/hurdles to commercialisation

**Assessment Criteria and Evaluation Process**

Applications will be evaluated by Enterprise Ireland using the following criteria:

* The size of the commercial opportunity
* Advantages of the proposed solution over current solutions
* Technical innovation in terms of innovation, novelty and feasibility
* Benefit to the project of a commercial feasibility assessment

See the webpage [HIHI](http://www.hih.ie) and FAQ for more information

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