Medical Council-INHED Research in Medical Education (RIME) Awards

### Background

The development of medical education research in Ireland is a shared objective of the Medical Council and INHED. To promote research and scholarly activity in medical education in Ireland, the Medical Council fund 3 INHED research grants of €5000 each, to facilitate research across the continuum of medical education.

### Objective

The grants are intended to support building medical educational research capacity in the Ireland, whilst answering questions of national and international importance and contributing to the to the knowledge-base for medical education and training in Ireland and the development of Medical Council policy.

### Scope

Application is open to Principal Investigators from the Republic of Ireland only. However, the opportunity for application to link within and across jurisdictions is recognised and welcomed.

There will be **one** award of €5000 for projects linked to **each** of the following phases of training

* Undergraduate Medical Education
* Postgraduate Medical Education and Training
* Life Long Learning / Continuous Professional Development

To guide applicants, a number of indicative themes have also been included which reflect the policy needs of the Medical Council.

* Covid-19 and Medical Education
* Transitions in Medical Education
* Supporting Well-being in Students and the Workforce
* The impact of Environment and Culture on Teaching, Learning and Assessment
* Fostering Research in Medical Education
* Preparedness for Practice

Applications which focus on an area outside of the thematic areas outlined above will be considered eligible where the applicant presents a compelling and justifiable case for how the project possesses strong potential to impact on policy and/or practice in medical education and training in Ireland.

The Research in Medical Education Awards will not fund;

* Literature reviews, curriculum developments, service evaluation, audits, surveys, need assessments or technology development (although these elements may be part of an integrated research study).
* Implementation of an intervention without a predominant research element.
* The research funding cannot be used towards continuing education courses/fees e.g. PGDip, MSc/PhD fees

### Funding

The award will be up to a maximum total value of **€5,000** for a project of a maximum of 12 months. **This is a no overheads award.**

### Application process

The application form will be available on the INHED website ([www.inhed.ie](http://www.inhed.ie)) from Fri 31st July, 2020. The closing date for completed applications will be Friday 25th Sept, 2020

### Application review process and assessment criteria

Applications will be subject to review by a panel of medical education experts. Members of the panel will be selected based on their expertise and experience in the field of medical education and training research, and reflecting the research areas, concepts and methods outlined in the submitted proposals. Conflict of interest rules will be applied rigorously. Peer reviewers will not provide comments or scores on any application on which they have a conflict of interest.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Evidence that the proposal is linked directly with Medical Council education and professional development priorities.
2. Clarity of the aims and objectives of the proposed research
3. Coherence between research objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes or benefits.
4. Demonstrable benefits for undergraduate students, doctors in training or doctors engaged in continuing education.
5. Evidence of a clear evaluation and dissemination strategy.
6. Evidence of appropriate and robust research governance.
7. Evidence that the proposal is for research purposes and the generation of new knowledge in a particular field.

### Timeframe

July 31st 2020: Grant Call opens

**September 25th 2020: Deadline for submission of applications (5pm)**

February 2021: Announcement of awards at ASM 2022

August 1st 2022: Submission of first paper-based progress report

February 2022: Progress project presentation at INHED 2022 ASM

July 2022: Submission of final report with ongoing updates to INHED re outputs from funded work

February 2023 Final Project presentation at INHED ASM (to include information about other outputs from project if possible)

Please see guidelines regarding completion of the application form on the next page:

**Medical Council and INHED Research in Medical Education Award 2021**

**Guide for RIME Applicants**

Dear Applicants,

As a guide, the following questions will be used to evaluate each submission:

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| * Evidence that the project links directly with **priority areas identified in the call, or with an area for which appropriate justification is provided.** |
| * Clarity as to the aims and objectives of the work |
| * Coherence between the aims and objectives, and the approach or methods used to measure and/or report outcomes |
| * Demonstrable outcomes/outputs for medical students, doctors in training and doctors engaged in continuing professional development. |
| * Evaluation of process as well as outcome(s) (i.e. why it worked as well as "it worked") |
| * Evidence of appropriate and robust research governance |
| * Evidence that the proposal is for research purposes and the generation of new knowledge in the field |

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| * Background and rationale is clear |
| * The problem is clearly outlined and is considered important |
| * Detail on design and methodology, including justification of sample size, power calculations, sample selection and exclusion criteria where applicable, and analysis have been explained |
| * Success criteria and barriers to proposed work have been explained |
| * Ethics requirements and procedures have been detailed |
| * Gantt chart indicating a schedule for the completion of work, including the timing of key milestones and deliverables is included |
| * Projected outputs and Dissemination described |
| * Expected Outputs of Research/Impact described |
| * Submission provides details of why the group is considered well qualified to do this research |

All applicants will be also provided with constructive feedback.

Should you not be successful this time, we strongly encourage you to apply again next year.

Kind Regards,

INHED Research Sub-Committee