The Irish Network of Healthcare Educators (INHED), aims to provide a forum for collaboration between centres of health professional education and to promote health professional education research. We would like to invite applications for 2 Health Professions Education Research Grants. This grant is open to healthcare educators of all disciplines and also to undergraduate students. The maximum award per individual or project under the scheme will be €3,000 or equivalent (bids for smaller amounts of funding will of course be considered). As the purpose of these research grants is to support research and educational development projects in healthcare education, only grants that meet the following criteria will be accepted:

**Criteria for INHED Health Professions Education Research Grant**

* The application should relate to a planned health profession educational research study, and may be used to fund an educational development project which is designed to support curricular innovation.
* Collaborative research within or among institutions are eligible, particularly as they increase the likelihood of the project's success and impact.
* The study must be feasible within a 12-month period
* Successful applicants will be required to present their progress at an oral presentation during the **INHED Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) 2025** and the final outcomes of their research project as an oral presentation during the **INHED ASM 2026** (Please note that registration, travel and accommodation for the ASM are NOT covered by this award).
* The funding is to pay for costs that otherwise prevent good research happening such as research-related travel, transcription costs, printing of survey materials, paying for statistical advice, support from a research assistant etc. The research funding cannot be used towards continuing education courses/fees e.g. PGDip, MSc/PhD fees.

**Application details:**

* Applications should be submitted using the INHED Health Professions Education Research Grant application form downloadable from [www.inhed.ie/research-travel-bursaries/](http://www.inhed.ie/research-travel-bursaries/). Applications should clearly indicate: the lead applicant and their e-mail and mobile phone number details. The names and affiliations of all applicants should be included.
* Applications should follow the application template.

### Timeframe

September 30th 2023: Grant call opens

**October 30th 2023: Deadline for submission of applications (5pm)**

January 2024: Announcement of awards at INHED 2024 ASM

Spring 2025: Interim project oral presentation at INHED 2025 ASM

July 2025: Submission of interim report to INHED

Spring 2026: Final project oral presentation at INHED 2026 ASM (to include information about outputs from project)

July 2026: Submission of final report with updates to INHED re outputs from funded work

**Deadline:**

Applicants should submit their applications by **5pm GMT Monday, October 30th 2023.** Enquiries should be directed to [info@inhed.ie](mailto:info@inhed.ie). The application will be reviewed by a panel of assessors. 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.

The outcome of the Health Professions Education Research Grants will be announced at the INHED 2024 ASM in January 2024.

**Guide for Applicants**

Dear Applicants,

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

Rationale and research question

* Does the research, address an important problem?
* Is the application well situated within the health professional and/ or educational literature?
* Is the case for doing the research clearly made?
  + How compelling are the applicants’ arguments for doing the research?
  + Are the arguments well sequenced and logical?
  + Do the arguments for doing the research lead convincingly to the research question?
* Is the research question appropriately constructed, feasible with broad relevance?

Methods

* Is there evidence of a conceptual or theoretical framework in which the research is situated?
* Are the design/ methods appropriate to the aims of the project?
* Are the design/methods feasible within a one-year timeframe?
* Is the projected budget allocation appropriate and feasible?

Dissemination & Ethics

* Does the application provide a compelling description of how the findings of the research would be disseminated?
  + Is the dissemination plan coherent?
  + Is the dissemination plan feasible?
  + How effective is the dissemination plan likely to be?
* Is there an indication of intention to submit the proposal for ethical review?
  + Does the application acknowledge the likely ethical problems posed by the research?
  + Does the application indicate a clear ethical approval pathway within the proposed timescale of the project?