

Important notice to Research and Knowledge User communities in your organisation

We would like to notify the research community that we are now inviting applications to the **2022 HRB Applied Partnership Awards**.

Details:

The overarching **aim** of the APA scheme is to support high quality applied research projects where researchers and knowledge users come together to focus on themes/questions which are determined by the documented needs of the Irish health and social care system.

Aligned with the objectives of the HRB Strategy, this scheme will support high quality research proposals relevant to health priorities in Ireland. Applications are invited for applied research projects of between 12-24 months duration where the findings from the research will have a direct impact on the decision making of the knowledge user's organisation/s. The proposed research should be explicitly linked to the documented evidence needs of the knowledge user organisation/s and it must be clear from the application how the knowledge user/s is integrated throughout the research process. The application should include a clear and concise knowledge translation plan that will highlight how the research findings will be applied by the knowledge user organisation/s.

Co-Funding:

For applications to be eligible in this scheme a co-funding commitment is required from the knowledge user organisation/s. The level of the co-funding commitment must be at least equivalent to a minimum of 20% of the total award grant requested from the HRB and the co-funding counted for this purpose must reflect a cash contribution only (higher and/or additional in-kind contributions are encouraged and welcome). Please see APA 2022 Guidance Notes for further information.

Who should apply?

Applications should be made on behalf of a team which is made up of researchers and knowledge users. The applicant team should designate a Lead Applicant from the research team, and a Lead Applicant from the knowledge user team. While we acknowledge that there are many individuals in knowledge user organisations that are also experienced researchers, it is important in this scheme that there are two distinct Lead Applicants.

Submission:

Applications must be completed and submitted through the HRB online Grant E-Management System (GEMS) (<https://grants.hrb.ie>) and this system will close automatically at the stated deadline below. Prior to the final submission to the HRB, all applications must first be reviewed and approved by the Host Institution's signatory approver within GEMS.

Rolling Call:

These awards will be issued under a rolling call. The call will open on 17 January 2022 and applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year until February 2023. APA has **two closing dates** with staggered deadlines and two distinct cycles for peer-review (as below). This is to allow researchers and partner organisations to develop timely collaborations, yet have the flexibility to submit to either the first or the second peer review cycle.

Cycle 1 Application closing date	27 April 2022
Cycle 2 Application closing date	01 February 2023

For more information, please visit the HRB website: <https://www.hrb.ie/funding/funding-schemes/all-funding-schemes/grant/applied-partnership-awards-apa-2022/>

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