



Call Out

Bursary for Rheumatology Nursing Innovation Initiative 2023

The **Irish Rheumatology Nursing Forum**, thanks to the support of Novartis Pharmaceuticals, is seeking applications for funding to support innovative rheumatology nursing practice, aligned to key professional and healthcare policies:

- **A Policy on the Development of Graduate to Advanced Nursing and Midwifery Practice**
<https://assets.gov.ie/19260/f49c5ea1a19843b0aae20151aeaf694d.pdf>
- **Sláintecare**
<http://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/slaintecare-implementation-strategy/>

Is there something in your nursing practice over the last number of very difficult months that has given YOU the impetus to, or a desire for, change?

It may be

- something that you do routinely but now would like to change/enhance/document for publication and or dissemination
- something that you have learned from the COVID-19 impact
- something that you feel could enhance nursing in chronic disease
- something that could enhance chronic disease healthcare delivery
- or another good idea worth exploring

Can you grow your idea into a patient project, a small-scale research proposal or a patient education/self-management innovation that requires financial support to develop?

If so, we would love to hear from you

- The IRNF would like to support your project. The financial support is available for either an individual or a nursing team clinical initiative, for example.

Indicative Support

Awards will fall into the range of €1,000- €2,500 for individual submissions and €1,000- €5,000 for team submissions.

Exclusions

This funding source is not for conference attendance or equipment purchase or any recurrent spending.

Submission Closing Date and Announcement

- **Annually by 5pm on last working day in August**
- Please submit your application to IRNF Bursary Officer Una Martin una.martin@hse.ie/ irnf@gmail.com
- Announcement of the successful application(s) will take place at the IRNF AGM annually



Application Conditions and Process

The bursary is open to registered nurses who: -

1. are registered nurses currently working in clinical practice in rheumatology in the Republic of Ireland,
2. hold current membership of the IRNF,
3. held membership of IRNF for the 2 years previous to the submission closing date,
4. commit to presenting on this project to IRNF colleagues as well as the wider nursing and rheumatology community

Adjudication

The innovation bursary will be awarded to applicant (s) whose innovation has the potential to deliver a service improvement,

- An independent adjudicator will be involved in the selection process,
- The decision of the adjudicating committee shall be final,
- If due to unforeseen circumstances the applicant is unable to avail of the award they must contact the Chairperson to discuss the appropriate management of the bursary,
- Please note that awards change annually and the repeated award of this bursary is contingent on renegotiation of support.
- Application is open to committee members, however, we will exclude any committee member from the adjudication process should they wish to apply for this funding, as either an individual or part of a team.

Innovation bursary application –Project outline options (for guidance - select as appropriate)

	Practice Improvement Initiative / Research Study
A	Summary introduction
B	Background and rational/gap/ for the project/study/change initiative/
C	Practice innovation/Research objectives/Methods
	I. Design
	II. Participants
	III. Assessments
	IV. Interventions
	V. Analysis
	VI. Discussion/summary
D	Timetable and milestones/ feasibility
E	Governance
F	Involvement of patients/ethical approval if appropriate and indicated
G	Background and relevant literature
H	Dissemination of the findings
I	Implementation plan
J	Anticipated / expected impact of project