

Research Promotion Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Question:** Are studies relating to people with mental health conditions eligible for consideration

Answer: Under the Disability Act, disability includes physical, sensory, intellectual or mental health impairments which would give rise to a substantial restriction on someone's capacity to participate in the life of the community. The terms of the NDA Research Promotion Scheme cover acquired and progressive disability (including intermittent conditions). Mental health would come within this definition.

- 2. Question:** Is a PhD student eligible to apply

Answer: The terms of reference say explicitly that this scheme is not a scholarship scheme, so it is not open to use it to part-fund someone's PhD research.

- 3. Question:** Our organisation is based outside Ireland; can we apply to the Scheme?

Answer: There is no restriction on the nationality of the researchers or where they are based. However, applicants should be aware that, as an agency whose statutory remit is to advise the Irish government on disability policy and practice, the National Disability Authority's main interest in funding this piece of work is what it may tell us that could inform policy and practice in Ireland.

- 4. Question:** 'Only organisations which can deliver a satisfactory final draft report on the research by end-June 2018 will be eligible for consideration.' Does this mean that the entire research project needs to be completed by June 2018?

Answer: Yes. It is expected that the entire research project, including delivery of a satisfactory final draft report, is completed by June 2018.

- 5. Question:** Are the referees to be selected on behalf of the principle investigator or on behalf of the entire research team?

Answer: References are required on behalf of the principal investigator.

- 6. Question:** Can the reference provided on behalf of the Principal Investigator be written by another member of the team who they have worked closely with?

Answer: The reference provided should be written from outside of the team, as it needs to be independent from the team.

7. Question: Does the RPS grant cover costs associated with dissemination?

Answer: Yes. Dissemination costs can be included as part of the proposal.

8. Question: Is the Grant amount payable, a VAT-able amount?

Answer: For an Educational Institution – No. See Revenue.ie for further information.