



Key Dates:

Open at 9am Monday, 19th January 2026

Close at 5pm on Tuesday, 31st March 2026

Submission details:

- Use **Calibri (Body)** font, size **11**, colour **black** to complete the application.
- Submit completed applications to **Kasia Gaughan** via email: kasia.gaughan@ucd.ie.

Grant Details

- **Funding:** UCD Health Affairs
- **Awards:** At least four projects will be funded, with a maximum of **€30,000** per project.
- **Project Duration:** Grants can be used over 1, 2, or 3 years, depending on the proposed project timeline.
- **Reapplication:** Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Eligibility Criteria:

The UCD Health Affairs AHSS Grant is open to researchers from all five schools within UCD CHAS, as well as clinical partners, affiliated community healthcare organisations, and the HSE Dublin and South East region. Eligible applicants include:

- **Academic staff** (principal investigators)
- **Postdoctoral researchers**
- **Clinical staff**, including Medical staff (consultants, GPs, research fellows, NCHDs), Nursing staff, Health and social care professionals

The projects should fulfil each of the following eligibility criteria. The application must demonstrate how the project will:

- (1) be health or science-related research or educational/innovation projects from the Schools within UCD CHAS (with the possibility of multi-school bids) or from the clinical partners and affiliated community healthcare organisations and HSE Dublin and South East region.
- (2) clearly align with key College/School research and/or education strategic objectives.
- (3) proposals from the clinical partners and affiliated community healthcare organisations **must have a PI/Co-PI with a formal appointment or adjunct affiliation with UCD CHAS.**
- (4) proposals from UCD CHAS must include a nominated collaborator within at least one of the clinical partners and/or affiliated community healthcare organisations.
- (5) enhance the Academic Health Science System (AHSS) in Ireland i.e., enhance research and innovation and/or teaching and training across the hospital, community and University e.g., education/training projects using simulation technology.
- (6) support and develop integrated care, e.g., improve patient pathways and communication across and between the hospital and community settings.
- (7) demonstrate an integrated collaborative approach between the clinical partners and UCD CHAS e.g., bring new research ideas and concepts (bench) from the laboratory to the bedside and/or to public health.
- (8) work to create a strong sustainable relationship between clinical partners, the community healthcare organisations, UCD Health Affairs and UCD CHAS that results in raising awareness and increasing visibility of HSE Regions clinical partners and the community healthcare organisations within UCD CHAS, and of UCD CHAS and UCD Health Affairs.

Please note that while the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, Our Lady's Hospital Navan, and Regional Hospital Mullingar are located in different health regions, for the purposes of this grant, all four hospitals are still eligible to apply.