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Academic Health Science System (AHSS) Grant 2021-2022

Information Booklet for Applicants





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1. Introduction to the Health Affairs AHSS Grant

UCD Health Affairs is part of the UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences (CHAS) and works with the five CHAS schools to enhance collaboration and provide a formal channel for cooperation between the primary academic partner UCD, the 11 Ireland East Hospital Group (IEHG) affiliated hospitals and their related community health organisations. An integrated approach to healthcare, with strong collaboration across the various hospitals, University and community healthcare organisations will drive the development of an Academic Health Science System (AHSS). Patients have better outcomes when managed in an AHSS because integrating teaching, training, research and innovation with clinical services enhances recruitment and retention of excellent staff, hence ensuring the provision of high-quality evidence-based care.

The UCD Health Affairs AHSS Grant aims to enhance the collaboration between IEHG, its affiliated community healthcare organisations, and UCD CHAS. We aim to raise awareness of UCD Health Affairs and to foster synergies between UCD CHAS, UCD Health Affairs, IEHG and its affiliated community areas.

This grant is to support health and science-related research or educational/innovation projects that clearly will enhance the concept of an AHSS and that will align with key College/School research and/or education strategic objectives. This is the first call for this grant.

2. Funding

UCD Health Affairs will provide the funding.

- There will be one call per academic year for the next three years. Each call will fund at least two successful awardees up to €20,000 maximum for each awardee.
- The grant can be used over the duration of the proposed project, i.e., 1, 2 or 3 years.
- Successful applicants are welcome to apply again in subsequent years.

3. Key dates

Dates for the call to open and close	Open at 9am, Monday, 10 th January 2022 Close at 5pm, Friday, 4 th February 2022
Detailed review of applications	2 weeks after application closes
Awardee announcement	The beginning of the following month after the detailed review by the Review Panel

*The above dates are subject to change.

- All completed Application Forms can be submitted to Xuefang Alterman, Project Manager at UCD Health Affairs, via email (xuefang.alterman@ucd.ie).
- Closing date for applications is strictly Friday, 4th February 2022 at 5pm. No applications will be accepted after this date.
- If you have any questions, please contact Xuefang Alterman, Project Manager at UCD Health Affairs.

4. Eligibility Criteria

The UCD Health Affairs AHSS Grant is open to researchers from all five Schools within UCD CHAS and across the 11 IEHG hospitals and affiliated community healthcare organisations, including:

- Academic staff (principal investigators)
- Postdoctoral researcher staff
- Clinical staff
 - medical staff (consultants, GPs, research fellows, NCHDs)
 - nursing staff
 - health and social care professionals

The projects should fulfil each of the following eligibility criteria.

- (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 IEHG (11 hospitals and affiliated community healthcare organisations).
- (2) clearly align with key College/School research and/or education strategic objectives.
- (3) proposals from the IEHG hospitals 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 IEHG hospitals and/or affiliated community healthcare organisations.
- (5) enhance the Academic Health Science System (AHSS) in Ireland i.e., enhance research 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 IEHG 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 IEHG, the community healthcare organisations, UCD Health Affairs and UCD CHAS that results in raising awareness and increasing visibility of IEHG and the community healthcare organisations within UCD CHAS, and of UCD CHAS and UCD Health Affairs within IEHG and the community healthcare organisations.

The successful applicant(s) will be required to

- (1) provide a lay report of their research that can be used for media communication at the start of the project and every 12 months thereafter.
- (2) present their research outputs at a college-based forum (e.g., CHAS/IEHG forum) for information dissemination.
- (3) The successful applicant(s) will also be profiled in UCD Health Affairs media and online communications.

5. Scoring

The application must demonstrate how the project will:

- (1) enhance the AHSS.
- (2) support and develop integrated patient care.
- (3) develop teaching, training, research, and innovation within the AHSS and how it will support the research and/or education objectives of CHAS and its Schools.
- (4) raise awareness of IEHG and the community healthcare organisations within UCD CHAS, and awareness and visibility of UCD Health Affairs and UCD CHAS within IEHG and the community healthcare organisations.
- (5) demonstrate an integrated collaborative approach to create a strong sustainable relationship between IEHG, its affiliated community healthcare organisations, UCD Health Affairs and UCD CHAS.





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