EP PerMed Joint Transnational Call (2025)

**​Pharmacogenomic strategies for personalised medicine approaches (PGxPM2025)​**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

This FAQ is specific to applicants based in Ireland and should be read in addition to the full [JTC2025](https://www.eppermed.eu/funding-projects/calls/jtc2025/) call information.

1. I am a researcher currently based or who will be based in Ireland. How do I apply through Research Ireland?

Please give a brief notification of your intent to submit a pre-proposal through email to eu-cofund@researchireland.ie before the submission deadline. Within the notification, please include the following information:

* List of project partners
* Irish Host institution\*
* Total budget request to Research Ireland
* Whether you intend to apply as a coordinating or non-coordinating partner

Please note it is also the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Research Office of their Host Institution of their intention to submit a pre-proposal.

The completed pre-proposal must be submitted directly on the [EP PerMed submission platform link](https://ptoutline.eu/app/EPPERMED2025).

1. What is the maximum budget for the Irish partner? Is this the same for each Irish partner in the same consortia or is it the total for all Irish partners in the same consortia?

 For applicants based in Ireland, Research Ireland will provide the following funding for projects:

* Up to a maximum of €330,000 direct costs\* per award for Irish applicants as Partner on transnational proposals.
* Up to a maximum of €405,000 direct costs\* per award for Irish applicants as Coordinator on transnational proposals.

\*The maximum total award, including overhead contribution, will be €430,000, for a partner and €530,000 for applicants who take on the role of coordinator.

1. Can I submit more than one proposal?

Research Ireland will only accept one application per applicant. Please refer to the primary eligibility and consortium requirements of [JTC2025](https://www.eppermed.eu/wp-content/uploads/EPPerMed_JTC2025_Call_Text.pdf) as well as Research Ireland’s *Who Can Apply* policy document available [here](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/eligibility-related-information/).

1. **What is the minimum number of partners required in a consortium?**

As per the [JTC2025 eligibility conditions](https://www.eppermed.eu/funding-projects/calls/jtc2025/), each consortium must involve at least three partners from three different EU Member States or Associated Countries whose funding organisations participate in the call. Each of these partners must be eligible and request funding from the respective funding organisation. All three legal entities must be independent of each other. The project coordinator must be eligible to be funded by his/her regional/national participating funding organisation. The project coordinator (i.e. principal investigator and organisation) cannot be changed between the first and second stage.

1. **What are the eligible costs associated with EPPerMed JTC2025?**
* Salary-related costs for research personnel. Please use current Research Ireland Team Member Salary Scales. The Irish partner cannot request a salary.
* Small equipment costs up to a maximum value of €10K
* Travel costs with consideration for [Research Ireland’s Guidance for Sustainable Travel Policy](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/budget-finance-related-policies/SFI-Guidance-for-Sustainable-Travel.pdf)
* Direct running costs (materials and consumables)
* Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs
* Subcontracting costs are considered an eligible budget category however strong justification for subcontracting must be provided and pre-approved directly with Research Ireland in advance of proposal submission.
* Overheads should be calculated as 30% of the direct costs, but excluding therefrom the cost of all equipment identified in the application.

Unless otherwise stated, all rules regarding listed eligible costs apply as defined within [Research Ireland’s Grant Budget Policy](https://www.sfi.ie/resources/SFI-Grant-Budget-Policy_2016_July_Final.pdf).

1. Can PhDs be funded through this call?

As detailed in the Call Text document for [EPPerMed JTC2025](https://www.eppermed.eu/wp-content/uploads/EPPerMed_JTC2025_Call_Text.pdf), the maximum duration of projects is three years in accordance with EP PerMed funding organisation regulations. As per [Research Ireland’s Grant Budget Policy](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/budget-finance-related-policies/SFI-Grant-Budget-Policy-March-2023-%285%29.pdf), research teams should include four years’ funding for all PhD students, where 3 years funding (covering both the stipend and fees) will be supported directly though the grant and the last year funding (covering both stipend and fees) will be covered by the host institution.

Where applications for funding advance from the pre-proposal to full-proposal stage of the review process, applicants will be required to provide a letter of commitment from the host institution confirming that the financial support required for a fourth year of PhD funding (including stipend + fees), will be covered by said institution. Please refer to our Grant Budget Policy concerning its current contribution and note that Research Ireland currently funds postgraduate student stipends at a flat rate of €22,000 per annum for up to four years. This will apply to all budgets associated with Grant applications to Research Ireland from 2024, with reference to the Government of Ireland’s Budget 2024. This figure may be adjusted upwards, further to the national review and consultation which are currently being undertaken1. Furthermore, the PhD supervisor must submit a final scientific report at the end of the three-year funding period, even if the PhD extends beyond the term of the grant.

1. Can equipment be funded through this call?

Small items of equipment, not exceeding €10,000, can be included in the budget. Only equipment purchases that are directly required for the research and are deemed not to be easily accessible elsewhere in Ireland are appropriate. All costs must be inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Please refer to Research Ireland’s [Grant Budget Policy](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/budget-finance-related-policies/SFI-Grant-Budget-Policy-March-2023-%285%29.pdf) for further details on eligible equipment costs and national procurement rules1.

1. Can access charges be included in as eligible costs?

Access charges may be sought for use of infrastructure where Research Ireland pre-approved access charge plans are in place. A listing of key contacts for access charge plans is available on the Research Ireland’s website. In addition, requests may be included for accessing international databases and facilities or for the commissioning of experiments in international facilities/research labs where appropriately detailed justification is provided and where the required infrastructure is not available in Ireland. Costs must be listed as a separate line item and full details should be provided in the budget justification2.

1. Are clinical trial studies supported for funding?

Irish-based applicants should consult and adhere to [Research Ireland guidance on ethical and scientific issues](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/ethical-and-scientific-issues/) in the preparation of their proposal. **Please note clinical trials and investigations are not eligible for funding by Research Ireland for the Irish-based applicant.** Where clinical studies are proposed within the workplan of a proposal, study sites and the delineation of activities should be made clear.

1. What considerations should be taken if the project consortium includes a private, for-profit partner?

Applicants are advised that funding awarded by Research Ireland under the European Partnership for Personalised Medicine (EP PerMed) Programme will be subject to, and must comply with, [State aid rules](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/state-aid/Research-Ireland-Research-and-Innovation-GBER-Scheme-2021-2026-FINAL.pdf) and the conditions of the EU Commission General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). Funding will be awarded to successful applicants under Article 25, in respect of aid for research and development projects. For further details please consult: [Taighde Éireann-Research Ireland Research and Innovation Scheme 2021-2026](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/state-aid/Research-Ireland-Research-and-Innovation-GBER-Scheme-2021-2026-FINAL.pdf)

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  1 <https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/budget-finance-related-policies/>

 2<https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/budget-finance-related-policies/Approved-SFI-Access-Charge-Plans-260722.pdf>