



IRP Research Grants 2024-2026

Guidelines

Overview

The Città della Speranza – Onlus (CDS) Foundation offers funds to support novel and cutting-edge paediatric research within the Paediatric Research Institute Città della Speranza (IRP).

Objective

The objective of the call is to contribute to the development and qualification of research carried out at the Institute, through the implementation of excellent scientific activities by research groups active in the paediatric field.

Plafond

This call will offer a total of 3.3 million euros to sustain the best clinical and translational research projects that aim to prevent paediatric pathologies and accelerate diagnosis and therapeutic innovation for childhood diseases.

Requirements for project submission

Only IRP-based researchers and MDs from Azienda Ospedale of Padova are eligible to apply.

What we fund

IRP will manage the research funding and intend to provide support for research projects aimed to advance the treatment of paediatric diseases.

Consistent with IRP's mission, preference criteria include:

1. clear translational approach of research;
2. applicability in the short term to clinical practice;



3. collaboration with paediatric clinics;
4. interdisciplinarity;

IRP will consider research proposals for the 2024:

2024-2026 research grant program in the following four categories (the details of completion and the list of mandatory annexes are set out in the Call of Proposal):

1. IRP Starting Grant (IRP-StG-2024);
2. IRP Consolidator Grant (IRP-CoG-2024);
3. IRP Advanced Grant (IRP-AdG-2024);
4. IRP Moving Grant (IRP-MoG-2024);

Eligible costs

The items of expenditure eligible are:

- Consumables
- Equipment
- Computer material
- Personnel: (i.e costs for PI, post-docs, PhDs, research assistants and technicians)
- External services (10% max)
- Travel expenses: (i.e dissemination, registration and travel to conferences, meetings and workshops)
- Patents
- Conferences and seminars
- Other: (i.e publication fees, ethical approval etc.)
- Overhead (10%)

A higher score will be awarded to projects that provide co-funding.

It is mandatory to specify whether external co-funding, in terms of value, personnel, equipment and external services, are available at the time of application. Co-funding does not comprise of in-kind contributions provided by third parties free of charge and costs of linked third parties.

Terms and timing of participation

The IRP Research Grants 2024-2026 calls open on October 10th, 2023.



The IRP Grant Office must receive all applications by November 10th, 2023 via email at grantoffice@irpcds.org.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications before the due date to ensure they have time to make any required corrections necessary for a successful submission.

Evaluation and selection

The following evaluation procedure will apply:

1. Pre-selection step: the IRP Scientific Direction will perform an eligibility check of the full proposal according to the above-mentioned conditions;
2. Selection step: evaluation of eligible full proposals will be carried out with the assistance of a scientific review committee.

The Review Committee will record his scientific opinion on each assigned proposal and will score the following evaluation criteria:

- scientific excellence of the approach, novelty and potential impact of the research project;
- feasibility, specific objectives, methodology, anticipated achievements and outputs of the proposed research project;
- adequate timescales, resources, requested budget and PI commitment for the proposed research project;
- identification of potential risks and risk mitigation plan;
- applicant's CV, expertise, track-record and publications;
- working arrangements, associated collaborations, partnerships or co-funding;
- host laboratory's track-record.

The evaluation is unchallengeable; however, the applicant may request a feedback of his/her project.

Publication of the results

Indicatively, applicants will be informed via email by the end of January 2024 and the research projects must commence by February 2024.

Titles and lay abstracts of the funded projects will also be posted online on the IRP website.



Method of payment of contributions

All IRP research grants recipients, except IRP Moving, will receive their support made in three payments during the grant years.

The first 35% payment will be made at the beginning of the project, while the next 35% payment will be made at the end of the first year upon receipt and approval of the required annual scientific report, and the final 30% will be made at the end of the second year upon receipt and approval of the required annual scientific report.

IRP Moving research grants recipients will receive their support made in two payments during the grant year. The 50% payment will be made at the beginning of the project while the final 50% payment will be made at the end of the six months after a half-year report. Recipients must submit a final annual report at the end of the grant.

Applicants are also required to submit a final report at the end of the grant period. The annual reports will be evaluated by the IRP Scientific Direction and/or, if necessary, by external scientific reviewers for criticisms, revising the progress of the work plan, use of resources and identifying any challenges.

What can the funds be used for?

Research funding is exclusively provided to meet the costs incurred by the proposed research project and not for other projects or activities. IRP Scientific Direction may decide to withdraw research funding in case of any peculiar activity. All costs associated with the project must be itemised and fully justified, and all orders of material and instrumentation relating to the project must be previously validated by the Institute's Administration. Note that budgets may be reduced if considered excessive.

Monitoring of approved projects

The PIs of approved projects should submit an annual scientific report on the progress of the project and, at its end, a final report on the research activities carried out and the results obtained. These reports should be drawn up in the manner communicated by the Foundation, will be considered an integral part of the reporting and be submitted to the evaluation of the Scientific Direction.

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