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PPI Ignite@UCC seed funding scheme 2023:

**Development/establishment of
innovative and meaningful PPI
partnerships**

15/09/2023

Webinar agenda

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Background -What is Public and Patient Involvement (PPI)

- It's all about carrying out research '**with**' or '**by**' **members of the public/patients** as opposed to doing research 'on', 'about' or 'for' members of the public.
- This means it's about members of the **public *partnering with researchers*** to help decide ***what*** research is done and ***how*** it should be done.
- This approach is very different to academic researchers using members of the public as subjects or participants in research
- It's very much about the **active and meaningful involvement** of people with the lived experience of what is being studied, in the decision making about how it is done from the very start of the process right the way through to the end of a project.

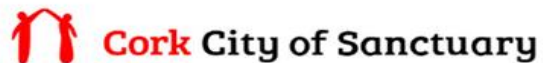
Background – PPI Ignite Network (www.ppinetwork.ie)

- The PPI Ignite Network (2021-2026) promotes excellence and inspires innovation in public and patient involvement (PPI) in Irish research.
- **Aim: to advance the involvement of the public, patients and carers in research, from generation of ideas to delivery of results**
- Co-funded by the Health Research Board (HRB), Irish Research Council (IRC) and seven higher education institutions
- Each of the seven institutions have a dedicated PPI unit/centre



Background – PPI Ignite@UCC

- **Aim: To build capacity for high-quality PPI both within UCC and amongst wider society and embed PPI within institutional policies and practices.**
- Who we are:
 - All staff and students engaged / seeking to embed PPI in their research!
 - Co-PIs – Professor Patricia Kearney, SPH, Dr Carol Kelleher, ISS21/CBL
 - Programme Manager – Dr. Emmy Racine (Returns 9 Oct 2023).
 - Acting Programme Manager – Dr. Damian Hasslett (to 22 Sep 2023)
 - UCC Local Partner Group
 - UCC PPI Advisory Board (members from across UCC)



Cork Kerry Mental Health
Engagement Office



Background – UCC PPI Ignite@UCC Advisory Group

COMH: Dr. Caroline Dalton O'Connor, Prof. Finbarr Allen, Dr. Mohamad M. Saab

CACCS: Dr. Samantha Dockray, Dr. Nicola Maxwell, Dr. Owen Jump

SEFS: Prof. Cora O' Neill, Dr. Elaine Mc Carthy, Third member – TBC

CBL_Prof. Ciara Heavin, Dr. Yvonne O'Connor, Dr. Sean Lucey

OVPRI: TBC

Inclusion Health Group CoMH: TBC

PPI Ignite@ UCC: Prof. Patricia Kearney, Dr. Carol Kelleher, Dr. Emmy Racine

Achievements (to end of 2022)



Digital Badge Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) in Research



Free online course open to researchers (of all career stages!) within and outside UCC.

Self-enrol and take the course at your own pace!



PPI Ignite@UCC Seed Funding Programme

- PPI Ignite@UCC (2021-2026) programme includes seed funding to facilitate and enable PPI activities and projects across UCC.
- Seed Funding Scheme 2023 has been developed through consultation with PPI Ignite Network@UCC Advisory Committee and Local Partner Committee.

Purpose and aim of scheme

The aim of the PPI Ignite @ UCC seed funding programme 2023 is to encourage and fund the **development/establishment of innovative and meaningful PPI partnerships** between UCC researchers and PPI contributors or organisations engaged in PPI.

This programme addresses the need for foundational work in PPI activities required to foster principles of trust, respect, flexibility, transparency, empowerment and power sharing, collaboration and partnership, and equality and inclusion.

PPI Ignite Network Values and Principles

The PPI Ignite Network believes that, in order to improve public and patient involvement (PPI) in health-related research, there must be a shared understanding of the values and principles that underpin the work. We invite all researchers, PPI contributors, institutions and funders to consider how to uphold these values and principles when engaging in or supporting PPI activity.

Transparency

The need for **clear, open, mutual communication** between the research team and PPI partners about research decisions and progress.

We want transparency in developing a **clear, shared understanding of aims, roles, processes and other terms of involvement.**



Respect

The **recognition of the roles, knowledge, insights, experiences, strengths, limitations and contributions** across the research team and PPI partners and throughout the research lifecycle.

We want to **benefit from the diversity of the team and partners**, and work together effectively and enjoyably.



Empowerment & Power Sharing

The inclusion as early as possible in **funding decisions, strategy and decision-making, the co-design and co-production of research.**

We want a **wide range of involvement strategies** to ensure that this happens.



Trust

The **building of reciprocal trust; this takes time to develop, is relationship based** and needs to be consistently worked on.

We want **everybody's opinion to be fully heard** and we want **confidentiality to be negotiated and respected.**



Collaboration & Partnership

The **inclusion of PPI partners** throughout the research lifecycle with commitments and expectations agreed from the outset, as much as possible.

We want true partnership where **all contributions are valued and respected equally.**



Flexibility

The **recognition of the time and other commitments involved in PPI** and that this is **acted upon in the research plan.**

We want to **co-design appropriate changes and responses** to the experiences and to the views of PPI partners.



Equity & Inclusion

The active identification and **removal of barriers and creation of entry points** throughout the research lifecycle.

We want real co-design and partnership to take place that **values equally people's diversity of opinions, experiences, abilities, backgrounds and expertise.**



What is a 'PPI Contributor'?

- PPI contributors typically include patients, carers, service users, families of service users, people with lived experience, advocates/activists, marginalised communities or relevant patient and community organisations.
- Patients and members of the public involved as PPI contributors are research partners asked to bring their views, expertise and experiences to the table, not as data, but to contribute to decisions about design, conduct, and reporting of research.

What is an 'organisation engaged in PPI'?

- Organisations engaged in PPI typically include health charities, advocacy organisations, research centres and non-profits who wish to facilitate the development of PPI activities and relationships.

Funding

- Applicants can apply **for up to €2,000 (maximum funding per application)**.
- All budgeted costs must be justified.
- Any unspent funds will need to be returned to PPI Ignite @UCC at the end of the project, for redistribution in future calls.

Illustrative (not prescriptive/exclusive) examples:

- Innovative ways to build meaningful relationships for impactful research.
- Projects that focus on early PPI involvement in research projects.
- Innovative projects that address power dynamics in PPI activities.
- New ways to partner and collaborate with individual and/or organisational PPI contributors.
- Innovative approaches to inclusion of seldom heard voices and marginalized groups in PPI activities.

Please note that the above examples are not exhaustive or prescriptive and we welcome all types of applications that fit the theme and criteria for the seed funding call.

Essential Eligibility Criteria

- Applications must have at least one PPI contributor and/or organisation engaged in PPI as co-applicant(s)
- Applications must have at least one UCC staff member as co-applicant (Please note that non-permanent academic primary applicants must have a contract end date beyond the end of the award)
- Applications from PPI Ignite Network @ UCC local PPI partners are strongly encouraged* (see list in next slide)
- Applications must include stated deliverables, achievable within the timeframe.
- Projects must be conducted within the Republic of Ireland.
- Projects must be completed within 12 months of the awarding date.
- Applications must articulate the expected impact of the project.
- Successful applicants must provide an end of project impact case study within 3 months of the project close date.
- Successful awardees will be invited to partake in a seminar highlighting the outcome and impact of projects post project close.
- Impact case studies are expected, where possible, to be open source or open access for use and knowledge exchange within the wider community.
- PPI Ignite Network @ UCC must be acknowledged on all project outputs.
- Applicants should consult and comply with the UCC PPI [budgeting in research](#) and payment policy guidelines

***Please note:** PPI partner organisations are not confined to official UCC PPI partner organisations (next slide). Applicants can apply with other PPI Partners/Organisations and/or individual PPI contributors also, should they so wish and if more appropriate to your research area/focus/context. i.e. No added weighting will be given to applications with UCC local partners Vs. other PPI partners, once relevance clearly demonstrated.

PPI Ignite@UCC local PPI partners

PPI Ignite@UCC Partners and contact details, see [Partner Committee | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](#)

1. **All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC)** (Ms Karen Charnley kcharnley@aiahpc.org; Dr Mary Rabbitte mrabbitte@aiahpc.org)
2. **APC Microbiome Ireland** (Lisa MacSharry lisa.macsharry@ucc.ie; Caoimhe Byrne cbyrne@ucc.ie)
3. **The Cork City of Sanctuary** (Naomi Masheti naomi@nanonagleplace.ie/naomi@corkmigrantcentre.ie)
4. **Family Carers Ireland** (Dr. Nikki Dunne ndunne@familycarers.ie)
5. **Inclusion Ireland** (Petria Malone petria@inclusionireland.ie)
6. **The Irish Centre for Maternal and Child Health Research (INFANT)** (Michelle Dorgan michelle.dorgan@ucc.ie; Sonia Lenehan Sonia.lenehan@ucc.ie; Teresa Berkery t.berkery@ucc.ie)
7. **HSE Cork Kerry Mental Health Engagement Office** (TBA)
8. **CRF-C** (Mary Claire O' Reagan maryclaireoregan@ucc.ie)

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Application questions

1. Title of the project

Note: Word count limits will be checked and strictly applied

2. Summary of the project (1000 words max) covering -

- How the project fits into the theme "Development/establishment of innovative and meaningful PPI partnerships".
- How Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) been embedded into the project.
- How PPI partner(s) and research partner(s) have and will contribute and collaborate together on the project.

3. What is the stated deliverable(s) and foreseen impact of the project (500 words max)

- By impact, we mean the demonstrable contribution that it will make to society, of benefit to individuals, organisations and local or national communities.

4. Please provide a budget breakdown and justification for requested amount (Max 250 words)

Timeframe

Applications open: 01 Sept 2023

Webinar with Q&A: 15th Sept 2023.

Application closed: 31st Oct 2023, 5pm.

Successful applicants announced: 30th Nov 2023

Expected project start date: Q1 2024

Maximum project duration: 12 months from award date

Project Reports Due: Q1 2025

Assessment criteria for projects

- Is the project within the scope of “**development/establishment of innovative and meaningful PPI partnerships**”?
- Is there strong PPI embedded within the project?
- Is there evidence of a dedicated remit for the PPI contributor and evidence of shared decision making with the PPI contributor?
- Does the project have a stated deliverable, and how achievable is the deliverable within the timeframe?
- How potentially impactful is the project?

Assessment panel

UCC PPI Ignite@UCC Advisory Board Member(s): Dr Samantha Dockray, School of Applied Psychology, UCC

External from other lead site: Dr Jon Salsberg, University of Limerick

External PPI organisation/PPI contributor: TBC

PPI Ignite@UCC Programme Manager: Dr Emmy Racine

PPI Ignite@UCC Co- Principal Investigator: Prof Patricia Kearney

PPI Ignite@UCC Co- Principal Investigator: Dr Carol Kelleher

Seed funding evaluation

- All projects will be required to develop a PPI Impact case study (e.g., 500 to 1000 words) within 3 months of project close, that they will be invited to present at a seminar.
- The experiences of applicants and awardees will be used to revise the next seed funding call, expected in 2024.

FAQs

- What does PPI mean?
- Is a PPI contributor in this context a member of the public who has previously been involved in a PPI group or a person who fits the criteria for the study under investigation that must be recruited for the application?
- Is it possible to be a named co-applicant on two applications for the call?
- Can I apply to this call more than once, i.e. with different PPI project ideas?
- Is it only open to projects based in UCC or can other researchers from outside UCC apply as well?
- Must the application be led by a UCC staff member or can someone apply with the support of a UCC staff member?
- Can a person only lead/be involved in one application?
- Must the project be based at UCC or can it be led by another HEI in collaboration with a UCC staff member?
- Is it possible to get a copy of the application form and any guidance documentation for the seed funding call as I found the Google Form difficult to navigate with respect to preparing a draft application?
- Are there any limits on how many UCC employees that can be included as I am hoping to lead a collaborative proposal that links across multiple schools/departments, with an external PPI partner also?
- May I ask if it is only open to projects based in UCC or can others apply for it as well? I am a PhD student in the University of Galway and would be interested in applying for the PPI component of my research.
- Can I apply if my research takes place outside Ireland?

Q & A

Thank you
For queries and questions related to
this call, please contact ppi@ucc.ie.

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Stand UCC CoMH Futures Thursday 21st Sept
- October 2023:
 - National/UCC PPI Ignite Festival
 - Month long national/UCC PPI events.
 - Check out updates on [Events • PPI Ignite Network \(ppinetwork.ie\)](https://ppinetwork.ie)
- 2024 S2
 - Introduction to PPI (5 ECTS module) PhDs