



## Diabetes Ireland Bursary Award

### Bursary Information

Diabetes Ireland, together with the HRB Diabetes Collaborative Clinical Trial Network and Galway University Foundation, and in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Health Service Executive, is pleased to announce the launch of a new Diabetes Research Bursary Award for medical students interested in gaining research experience in diabetes.

This bursary is designed to promote early engagement in research and support the development of future clinician-scientists dedicated to improving outcomes for people living with diabetes.

### Award Details

- **Number of awards:** 2 bursaries
- **Value:** €6,000 per student
- **Duration:** 9 months (including 6 months of active data collection)
- **Total funding available:** €12,000
- **Research area:** Diabetes research using the DIAMOND database (e.g., clinical research, translational research, public health, health economics, or data analytics)

The bursary will support undergraduate medical students at the University of Galway to undertake a supervised diabetes research project using the DIAMOND system, a fully integrated patient and clinical care database at University Hospital Galway.

Students will contribute to the collection, extraction, and cleaning of clinical and socioeconomic data from the DIAMOND database to support future research and health economic modelling in diabetes.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate medical degree programme at the University of Galway
- Be in good academic standing
- Identify an academic supervisor willing to support the project
- Undertake research relevant to diabetes or diabetes care, utilising the DIAMOND database

### What the Bursary Supports

The bursary is intended to support:

- Student research time
- Research expenses and materials
- Data collection, extraction, or analysis
- Travel necessary for the project
- Dissemination activities (e.g., conference presentations)

All resulting presentations, publications, and outputs must acknowledge Diabetes Ireland and the partner organisations supporting this bursary.

### Key Dates

- **Application deadline:** 13 April 2026 (17:00 GMT)
- **Notification of outcome:** 24 April 2026
- **Project start date:** 1 May 2026



## Application Process

Please complete the [Diabetes Ireland Bursary Application Form](#) and submit it along with requested information and supporting documents.

## How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following:

- **Completed application form** ([Microsoft Forms](#))
- **Brief Curriculum Vitae** (maximum 2 pages)
- **Supervisor support letter**
- **Research proposal** (maximum 1,000 words)

Supporting documents must be uploaded within the Application Form as part of overall application submission.

Applications must be submitted by Monday 13 April, 2026 (17:00 GMT). Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

## Research Proposal Requirements

The research proposal should include the following components:

- Background and Context**  
Demonstrate knowledge of diabetes care and management in Ireland, including currently available therapies and key challenges in improving outcomes for people living with diabetes. Please include previous research experience.
- Project Contribution and Methodology**  
Describe the proposed approach to collecting, cleaning, and preparing data from the Galway DIAMOND diabetes database, including the methods to be used for data extraction, validation, and organisation. Please indicate if you have previous experience with electronic medical records and/or DIAMOND database.
- Health Economic and Policy Relevance**  
Explain how the dataset could support health economic analyses and cost-effectiveness modelling of diabetes interventions, including therapies such as:
  - Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)
  - GLP-1 receptor agonists and other diabetes therapies
  - Hybrid closed-loop systems
- Impact and Policy Applications**  
Outline how the project could help address the current gap in individual-level diabetes data in Ireland and contribute to evidence-based decision-making for national diabetes care policy.
- Project Timeline**  
Provide a clear timeline outlining the planned stages of the research project, including data collection, data cleaning, analysis preparation, and reporting.

## General Conditions

### 1. Eligibility

- Open to undergraduate medical students at the University of Galway in good academic standing.
- Undertake research relevant to diabetes or diabetes care, utilising the DIAMOND database.



- Applicants must have a supervisor who agrees to oversee the project.
- 2. Funding & Duration**
    - Bursary amount: €6,000 per student over 9 months (6 months active research).
    - Funds support research time, materials, travel, data collection, and dissemination activities.
    - Funds are non-transferable and must be used for the approved project.
  - 3. Use of Data & Intellectual Property**
    - Data generated from the DIAMOND database remains the property of Galway University Hospital, the HSE.
    - Recipients must comply with data protection, confidentiality, and ethical requirements.
    - Using the data outside the project requires prior approval from the academic supervisor and must have met all ethical approvals.
  - 4. Reporting & Deliverables**
    - Initiation Note: within 2 weeks of project start
    - Monthly Progress Updates
    - Final Report: summarising work and key findings
    - All outputs must acknowledge Diabetes Ireland and partner organisations.
  - 5. Supervision & Conduct**
    - Recipients must maintain regular contact with their academic supervisor.
    - Recipients must follow all ethical, regulatory, and institutional guidelines.
  - 6. Termination**
    - The bursary will be terminated if the recipient fails to meet requirements, breaches ethics, or the project is not progressing.
  - 7. Acceptance**
    - By accepting the bursary, recipients agree to abide by these general conditions and any additional Terms and Conditions set by Diabetes Ireland and/or the University of Galway.

## Terms and Conditions

To be considered for the Diabetes Bursary Award, applicants must:

- Meet the General Conditions outlined above.
- Be a currently enrolled undergraduate medical student at the University of Galway in good academic standing.
- Confirm that you plan to conduct your research as part of this scholarship in the area of diabetes using the DIAMOND database.
- Complete a Diabetes Ireland Bursary Award application which includes: an Application Form, Research Proposal, Supervisor Support Letter, Academic transcript, Curriculum Vitae, along with any other requested information and documentation via the Microsoft Forms link [here](#).

Applicants must comply with the following **Terms and Conditions** of the Bursary:

- 1) A bursary may be awarded for a maximum of 9 months from start date with 6-months of active data collection;



- 2) The Diabetes Ireland Bursary Panel will consider the application form and supporting documentation to determine who will be awarded a bursary. Evaluation of applications will be on the basis of current student status, academic achievement and qualifications, research proposal, future career potential and completeness of full application with requested documentation. The scholarship panel's decision is final;
- 3) Students will not be entitled to receive this bursary in conjunction with any other bursary, scholarship or award of similar description;
- 4) Any offer of a bursary is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the applicant fulfilling all the conditions of the bursary. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained in the event of any error or omission whatsoever in the information provided by or on behalf of the Applicant. The Applicant will be given 14 days' notice in writing that the offer is being withdrawn;
- 5) A bursary will only be awarded to applicants who are currently enrolled as a medical student at University of Galway;
- 6) The Bursary is for the named person on the application only;
- 7) Detailed feedback is not available in the case of an unsuccessful application;
- 8) The Bursary will be processed as per the specified schedule following acceptance of the award with the University of Galway;
- 9) Bursary recipients will be notified of the schedule of payment by University of Galway;
- 10) The Bursary fund will be paid directly by the University of Galway to the Bursary recipient to be used for expenses directly related to completing their proposed research. Payment of Bursary will be administered by University of Galway on proof of registration with University of Galway;
- 11) The Bursary recipient must have commenced their research project within the academic year 2025/2026 and must have their research project completed within a nine-month period. The expected start date is May 1, 2026 and the award will not be extendable to cover any deferred or repeated year. It will remain within the discretion of University of Galway to withdraw the Bursary if terms and conditions are not fully met;
- 12) The Bursary recipient may be required to attend an awards ceremony at University of Galway;
- 13) The Bursary recipient will be expected to take part in the promotion of this Bursary and may be asked for a photograph and personal statement for use in promotional material and impact reporting. The Bursary recipients' contact details (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by University of Galway for the purpose of administering the Bursary only;
- 14) The Bursary recipient will agree to allow the University of Galway to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) with other parties within the University of Galway and with Diabetes Ireland as required with the Bursary recipients' express permission;
- 15) The Bursary recipient must adhere to the University of Galway student Code of Conduct;
- 16) As a condition of this Bursary award, the recipients will be required to engage with the Diabetes Collaborative Clinical Trial Network (DC-CTN) to highlight their research project, sharing their innovative work and findings with the DC-CTN Executive Management Committee.
- 17) University of Galway, in consultation with the supporter, reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions on notice to the Bursary recipients where necessary.

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed through a competitive assessment process coordinated by the HRB Diabetes Collaborative Clinical Trial Network.

### **Stage 1: Eligibility Screening**



All applications will first be reviewed to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and that all required documentation has been submitted. Incomplete or ineligible applications will not proceed to further review.

### **Stage 2: Independent Review**

Eligible applications will be assessed by members of the Diabetes Ireland Bursary Review Panel, which will include representatives with expertise in diabetes research, clinical medicine, and health data research. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit and student record
- Quality, clarity, and feasibility of the research proposal
- Relevance to diabetes research and the DIAMOND database
- Potential contribution to diabetes research, health policy, or patient outcomes
- Strength of supervisor support and project oversight

### **Stage 3: Panel Evaluation and Ranking**

The review panel will independently rank applications based on the assessment criteria. The highest-ranked applications will be recommended for funding.

### **Stage 4: Final Approval and Notification**

Final approval of awards will be confirmed by the bursary partners. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 24 April 2026.

The decision of the selection panel is final, and due to the competitive nature of the scheme, detailed feedback may not be available for unsuccessful applicants.

### **General Conditions for Payment of Bursary**

Payment of the Bursary instalment shall be conditional on the awardee being registered as a University of Galway student. Payment of the Bursary will not be made if the student is out of the Institution on a paid placement year.

### **Queries**

For further information, please contact: HRB Diabetes Collaborative Clinical Trial Network  
Email: [DiabetesCollaborativeCTN@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:DiabetesCollaborativeCTN@universityofgalway.ie)

Thank you for your interest in the Diabetes Ireland Bursary Award at University of Galway, funded by Diabetes Ireland in partnership with the HRB Diabetes Collaborative Clinical Trial Network, Galway University Foundation, with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Health Service Executive.

We look forward to receiving your application.