



The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland National Surgical Research Support Centre (NSRSC) International Collaborative Surgical Trial Award

Aims & Scope of the Call

A key objective of the RCSI-National Surgical Research Support Centre is to develop a portfolio of multicentre surgical trials in Ireland. As part of this initiative we want to offer patients in Ireland the opportunity to partake in international surgical trials.

For this call the NSRSC aims to support the participation of Irish sites in an existing international collaborative surgical trial

Applications are encouraged from all surgical disciplines.

Eligibility

The minimum eligibility criteria are:

- Trial must be already open in an international site or at a minimum have ethical approval and be ready to open within 1 year
- Participating sites must have a consultant principal investigator and named trainee sub investigators
- Minimum of one named surgical trainee per site committed to participant recruitment, consent and data collection

Desirable

- Multiple Irish site participation is highly encouraged. The RCSI-NSRSC seeks to demonstrate the presence of an all-island active multicentre network partaking in international surgical trials. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to consider including at least two recruitment sites spread regionally throughout the island of Ireland. It is understood that this may not be possible or desirable for trials being conducted in specialties that are only present in a small number of sites on the island.

Support Available

RCSI-NSRSC can act as the national coordination centre and local National sponsor. The RCSI-NSRSC can provide support with ethical applications, study set-up, site training and other responsibilities as required by the international sponsor. Please note salary costs are not available.

Application Process

- Completed application form
- Submit a copy of the trial protocol and any other appropriate trial documentation
- Submit an expression of interest /collaboration agreement letter from the International Chief Investigator

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the NSRSC to discuss their proposal in advance of submitting an application. Applicants should submit the application form and any relevant trial documentation to NSRSC@rcsi.ie

Evaluation Process

Applications will be reviewed by the RCSI-NSRSC Scientific Advisory board
The criteria the board will consider when making recommendations will include:

1. Scientific merit
2. Collaborative nature-potential to develop meaningful collaboration
3. Capacity for the support requested
4. Potential impact on clinical practice and patient care.

Closing date Rolling call

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