**Breakthrough Cancer Research Education and Travel Award 2025**



**Call for Submission of Applications**

**KEY DATES**

Scholarship Announcement **23rd October 2024**

Launch  **1st November 2024**

Informal Inquiries **1st November 2024 – 17th January 2025**

Deadline for submission of applications **20th January 2025 12:00 (Irish Time)**

Scholarship Commences **20th January - 31st October 2025**

**Breakthrough Cancer Research (Breakthrough)**is an Irish medical cancer research charity, which aims to inspire and enable financial support for exceptional research into cancer in Ireland leading to more effective treatments for patients in Ireland and Internationally and to improve cancer care and patient survival.

Our core focus over the next five years of the strategy is to: target greater research investment into the poorest prognosis cancers, which are poorly served by current treatments; Accelerate the translation of lab discoveries into new effective treatments for people with cancer; Facilitate greater collaboration between scientists and clinicians across Ireland and internationally; Build expertise and capacity to move from bench to bedside and from cancer patients back to the laboratory; Focus on keeping the patient at the centre of all of our activities. Click here for information on Breakthrough’s Research Strategy [Our Research Strategy - Breakthrough Cancer Research](https://breakthroughcancerresearch.ie/our-research-strategy/)

**Breakthrough Cancer Research Education and Travel Award 2025**

The Breakthrough Cancer Research Education and Travel Award 2025 aims to support doctoral researchers who:

1. want to present their research findings at national or international conferences, or
2. would like to travel to another laboratory to learn a specific technique not available at their current third level institution.

Applications are invited from doctoral research students who will travel between **20th January and 31st October 2025** in connection with their research.  Five bursaries are available to a maximum of €500 per successful applicant payable in the form of reimbursed receipts relevant to the research trip/conference.

**The aim of this award is to:**

* Encourage networking through active participation by research students at conferences both national and international.
* Support networking and training through travel to another lab to learn a new technique which will advance their research - this should not have been part of, and costed into the original proposal.

**Key Dates**

* Funding will be provided for travel that will take place between **20th January and 31st October 2025.**
* Application is online and completed forms (both applicant and supervisor) must be submitted by **20th January 2025 12:00 (Irish Time)**.

**Eligibility criteria**

* Applicants must currently be registered for a PhD focused on cancer research in a third level institute in the Republic of Ireland. Their research focus should align with [Breakthrough’s research strategy and priorities](https://breakthroughcancerresearch.ie/our-research-strategy/) but they do not need to be currently funded by Breakthrough.
* One Breakthrough Education and Travel Awardwill be given per applicant over the course of their PhD.
* Applications seeking this award to attend a conference will only be considered where the student is presenting a poster/ oral presentation. Successful applicants will be required to forward confirmation of presentation from the conference organisers.

**The confirmation of attendance at the conference can be forwarded to the Breakthrough Cancer Research team as soon as it becomes available, even if the application has already been submitted.**

**Application Process**

* Applicants must complete the application form and the supervisor form and submit to research@breakcancer.ie before the deadline.
* The applicant's supervisor must support the application by writing a brief letter of recommendation commenting on the contribution this conference or research trip will make to the overall research for the PhD. Supervisor should send the recommendation letter to the applicant before the deadline.

**The Selection Process**

* Applications will not be assessed if they are incomplete.
* Applicants whose research focus is aligned with Breakthrough’s research strategy and priorities will be shortlisted for an award. Successful candidates will be selected by lottery from those who are short listed.
* Successful applicants will be notified by email.

**Successful Applicants**

* Bursaries will be a maximum of €500 per successful applicant payable in the form of reimbursed receipts relevant to the conference/research trip.
* Successful applicants presenting at conferences must submit a confirmation of presentation with their receipts. These can be provided after application submission.
* All receipts must be submitted within three months of the date on the receipts.
* Acknowledgment of financial support is required on resulting presentations, papers, publications, thesis and social media posts.
* Following the conference or lab visit, a **1000-words report** (with illustrations and photos) must be submitted to Breakthrough Cancer Research.

**Informal Inquiries:** Informal inquiries should be made to research@breakcancer.ie from **1st November to 17th January 2025.**

**Closing Date:**All application should be submitted before **12:00 (Irish Time) 20th January 2025**