

The McKenna Scholarship 2022



LauraLynn is inviting applications from qualified candidates for a PhD/MD Scholarship in Children's Palliative Care

The McKenna Scholarship is aimed at supporting the expansion of the knowledge base in children's palliative care. The aim of the McKenna Scholarship is to support a suitably qualified MD or PhD candidate to pursue full-time research in the area of Children's Palliative Care.

The scholarship will provide funding for a student undertaking a postgraduate degree (MD or PhD) in the area of children's palliative care. Funding will include an annual tax free stipend of €18,500, a contribution to fees of €6,000 per annum and €2,000 per year to fund research-related expenses.

There are more than 3,840 children living in Ireland with life-limiting conditions; approximately 1,900 of whom have palliative care needs; with up to 720 of these children and their families require specialised hospice care as the child's health is classified as unstable, deteriorating or at end-of-life.

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About LauraLynn

LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice, is the only children's hospice in the Republic of Ireland, providing palliative care to children with life-limiting conditions (aged 0-18 years) and their families from all across Ireland.

Opened in 2011, in 2021 the service marked 10 years of providing palliative care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families from all across Ireland. Since its opening LauraLynn has cared for 569 children and their families including parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and wider family members.

Children's Palliative Care Research

Children's Palliative Care is a relatively new specialty in paediatric healthcare, it is widely recognized that there is a dearth of research in this area. [Goldman et al 2012i, Downing 2015ii ,Quinn et al iii].

Building research capability through innovation and collaboration, both nationally and internationally is a key strategic driver of LauraLynn's strategic plan.

The McKenna Scholarship aims to support the expansion of the knowledgebase of Children's Palliative Care.

General Conditions

- The expectation is that the funding will commence in October 2022 and run for 2 years for an MD or 3 years for a PhD. However, the commencement of funding may be deferred up until and no later than January 2023.
- Students in their first year of a MD or PhD project (i.e. who registered as a MD/PhD candidate in 2021) are also eligible to apply. In the event that a student has already commenced a project, the funding will only apply prospectively.
- The Scholarship will be awarded to an individual Scholar who must be under contract with a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the Republic of Ireland.
- The HEI will be responsible for ensuring that The Scholar has access to effective procedures for resolving problems arising from the administration or supervision of The Scholarship.



Full Terms and Conditions can be found at lauralynn.ie/mckenna-scholarship

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How to Apply

To apply for the McKenna Scholarship applicants need to submit the following documents:

- Completed Application Form
- CV
- Transcripts of all Degrees Listed
- Letter of Support from Academic Supervisor
- Two References

For the application to be eligible for review the applicant needs to be affiliated to an eligible Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the Republic of Ireland or research-performing organisation and the project would be supervised by an academic supervisor within the HEI. The academic supervisor needs to be identified in advance of applying for the scholarship.

Application Deadline

All applications need to be submitted by email to scholarship@lauralynn.ie by Friday, 20th June 2022.

For more information on the application requirement, please visit lauralynn.ie/mckenna-scholarship

Scholarship Application Process

01

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
28TH MARCH 2022**

LauraLynn issues call for applications

02

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
20TH JUNE 2022**

Closing date for applications

03

**CONSIDERATION & REVIEW
20TH JUNE – 4TH JULY 2022**

Review of applications and shortlisting

04

**INTERVIEWS
W/C 11TH JULY 2022**

Assessment process & interviews

05

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
W/C 25TH JULY 2022**

Appointment & scholarship awarded

More Information

For further details please visit our website at www.lauralynn.ie/mckenna-scholarship

Scholarship queries can be sent by email to Dr. Joanne Balfe at jbalf@lauralynn.ie

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