

### Early Stage Health Researcher Information Leaflet 2024

#### Invitation to Participate

Encouraged by the success and positive feedback from the previous events, the Research & Education Foundation (REF) at Sligo University Hospital (SUH) is delighted to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Early Stage Health Researcher (ESHR) Forum. This event is open to ESHRs at SUH, the wider catchment area, and beyond. It provides a unique opportunity for researchers to present completed or work-in-progress health-related research projects, followed by a feedback session from a panel of experts.

The REF invites abstract submissions for consideration as a poster for the Poster Exhibition and as a speaker presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Early Stage Health Researcher (ESHR) Forum.

#### Event Details

When: Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2 pm – 5 pm

Where: Lecture Theatre, Level 6, Sligo University Hospital

#### Who can attend?

This event is open to anyone engaged in health research or interested in learning about local health research. We particularly encourage participation from early stage health researchers, academics, nurses, medical and health & social care professionals, and medical students.

#### Benefits to Presenters:

- Participate in a free pre-conference event exclusively for Early Stage Health Researchers.
- Present your work-in-progress and receive valuable feedback from a panel of experts.
- Display your work-in-progress poster during the Poster Exhibition.
- Compete for the prestigious Research & Education Foundation Medal for 'Best Presentation'.

#### Expert Panel 2024

Our expert panel will be announced soon and will provide valuable feedback to early researchers.

#### Who can present?

To be eligible to present, you must:

- Be an early stage health researcher\*.
- Attend the full event in person.
- Submit an abstract by Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### Abstract Submission

To be selected as a speaker, you must submit an abstract for a work-in-progress project, which refers to current research that is not yet completed. This could include research you are actively conducting or research that is completed but requires further interpretation before wider dissemination.

## Selection Process

Abstract submissions will be externally reviewed and scored based on medical and scientific significance, timeliness, data quality, methodology, potential impact, and adherence to format requirements described below. From the accepted abstracts, up to 15 ESHRs will be invited to present at the event.

## Accepted Abstracts

Abstracts will be accepted for either presentation and poster or poster only.

- **Oral Presentation:** If your abstract is awarded an oral presentation, you will be invited to deliver a 5-minute presentation about your research project at the ESHR Forum. There will be a short Q&A opportunity after your presentation. After each block of up to 5 presentations, there will be a 15-minute session for feedback from the expert panel.
- **Poster Display:** If your abstract is selected for a poster display at the Poster Exhibition, please note the following:
  - *Poster Format:* A0 size, preferably portrait.
  - *Printed Posters Drop-off:* By Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at SUH Library, Level 6 or REF Office, ETC Building
  - *Poster Exhibition:* Posters will be displayed from November 25th to December 9th, 2024.
  - *Research & Education Foundation Medal:* Awarded to the best poster.

## How to submit

**Submission Deadline:** Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Submission Method:** Submit your abstract for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ESHR Forum by emailing the completed Abstract Submission Form to [office@ref-sligo.ie](mailto:office@ref-sligo.ie).

**Email Subject Line:** Use '2024ESHForum – [First Author's Last Name] - [Abstract Title/Keyword]'

## Confirmation of Abstract Receipt

The submitting author will receive an email confirming receipt of the abstract. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within three working days, please contact [office@ref-sligo.ie](mailto:office@ref-sligo.ie).

## Further information

- For more details about the 25th Annual Multidisciplinary Health Research Conference and the 3rd Early Stage Health Researcher Forum, please visit our website at [ref-sligo.ie](http://ref-sligo.ie).
- For any queries, contact us via email at [office@ref-sligo.ie](mailto:office@ref-sligo.ie).

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CLOSES: Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS NOW OPEN.**

**Abstract Submission Form:** click [here](#) or request from [office@ref-sligo.ie](mailto:office@ref-sligo.ie).

**Abstract Guidance:** click [here](#) or request from [office@ref-sligo.ie](mailto:office@ref-sligo.ie).

<sup>\*)</sup> **Definition of Early Stage Health Researchers (ESHRS):** Early Stage Health Researchers (ESHRS) are defined as individuals working in the area of health or academia with less than five years of full-time equivalent research experience in health research. This definition includes postgraduate students, doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, medical doctors, nurses, and health & social care professionals, or equivalent roles.