

# NUTRICIA METABOLICS AND KETOGENICS RESEARCH AWARD

## APPLICATION SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please read the following information carefully to help you complete your Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award application.

### **Nutricia & Research**

Nutricia is proud to be a long-term research partner with NHS organisations. We are delighted to be able to support healthcare professionals in the generation of much needed knowledge and evidence regarding the nutritional management of adult and/or paediatric patients with inborn errors of metabolism or those prescribed medical ketogenic dietary therapy in both community and hospital settings.

### **What is the 2026 Nutricia Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award?**

The 2026 Nutricia Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award is a grant of up to €15,000 available to healthcare professionals working in the HSE to support a research project in the nutritional management of adult and/or paediatric patients with inborn errors of metabolism or those prescribed medical ketogenic dietary therapy.

### **What sort of research will be considered?**

Nutricia will consider a variety of research projects for the 2026 Nutricia Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award, including but not limited to clinical trials, service evaluations, healthcare use and/or economic evaluation of a nutrition intervention, surveys or audits exploring nutritional needs and management of adult and paediatric patients with inborn errors of metabolism or those prescribed medical ketogenic dietary therapy.

Applicants may apply for the amount of funding they require for their proposed research project, up to the value of €15,000.

Potential research topics could include:

- A questionnaire to gather patient and parent experiences of transitioning from paediatric to adult services
- An audit on the dietetic management of adults with PKU returning to a Phenylalanine restricted diet, including patient outcomes such as Quality of Life
- Quality of Life questionnaire in patients with inborn errors of metabolism
- Service evaluation on the effectiveness of social media, group education and online clinics in educating patients and/or their parents
- A clinical trial on the efficacy of ketogenic dietary therapy in specific scenarios such as brain injury, status epilepticus, or any other neurological condition

Your research proposal must be related to the nutritional management of patients with inborn errors of metabolism or those prescribed medical ketogenic dietary therapy.

### **Am I eligible to apply?**

You are eligible to apply for the 2026 Nutricia Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award if you are:

- An CORU registered healthcare professional; and

- An healthcare professional working in the Health Service Executive(HSE) or Health and Social Care (HSC); and
- Working in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Full details on eligibility are detailed below in the terms and conditions.

### How to apply

To apply, you should download the application form available from Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award Application Form ([nutricia.co.uk](http://nutricia.co.uk)) or upon request via [ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com](mailto:ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com).

Complete the application form in full, providing as much information as possible about your proposed research project to help us assess your application. Send your completed form, along with your research protocol to [ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com](mailto:ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com) with the subject line 'Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award'.

Please read the terms and conditions below in full before applying. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application within 5 working days. If you do not receive this, please contact the Medical Affairs team at the email address above.

**Applications will close at 5pm on Friday 17th July 2026.** All applications will be reviewed by the Medical Affairs and Clinical Research teams. If you have any concerns about meeting the application deadline, please contact the Medical Affairs team as soon as possible. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by 5pm on Monday 5th October 2026 at the email address provided.

**Please note:** the research project for which the Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award is provided must start within 3 months of both parties signing the Research Grant Agreement.

### Need more support?

If you have any questions about the 2026 Nutricia Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award application process, please contact [ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com](mailto:ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com).

### Terms and Conditions for the Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award (the "Research Competition")

1. The Research Competition is provided by Nutricia Ireland Limited t/a Danone Ireland, a company incorporated in Ireland, with its address at 25 - 28 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland ("**Nutricia**", "**we**", or "**us**").
2. By entering this Research Competition, entrants will be deemed to have accepted and be bound by these terms and conditions. Promotional materials relating to the Research Competition, including all information on how to enter the Research Competition, also form part of these terms and conditions. In the event of any conflict between any terms referred to in such Research Competition materials and these terms and conditions, these terms and conditions take precedence.
3. The Research Competition is open to Healthcare Professionals working in the HSE or HSC (the "**Applicants**"). The Applicants must be working in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland and be aged 18 and over, with the exception of employees and agents of Nutricia or any of its subsidiary or affiliated companies, members of the immediate families or households of such employees, and anyone otherwise connected with the operation or fulfilment of the Research Competition. The Research Competition is open to Healthcare Professionals working in the HSE or HSC.
4. Entry to this Research Competition is without any obligation to prescribe, supply, administer, recommend, buy or sell, any Nutricia products or services.
5. By entering this Research Competition, the entrant declares that no conflict of interest exists between the entrant and Nutricia including any of its officers or directors.

6. Internet and e-mail access is required.
7. Nutricia reserves the right to conduct integrity and background screening (“**Third Party Vetting**”) on the entrants and entrants’ employers via Nutricia’s internal third-party vetting process. Third Party Vetting may occur throughout all stages of the Research Competition (including the selection and contract stage).
8. Nutricia reserves the right to require entrants to prove they are eligible to enter the Research Competition. If a winner is found to be ineligible, Nutricia reserves the right to award their Prize to another participant and to require the return of any portion of the Prize already awarded.

#### **Research Grant (the “Prize”)**

9. The successful applicants will be provided with a research grant of up to €15,000 to support their research project, as specified in the ‘Research Project Costs’ section of the application form.
10. The Prize may only be awarded to a bona fide organisation and will not be provided to the individual applicants. Whilst individual applicants may apply, the Prize will be provided to the successful applicants’ employer (e.g. their NHS Trust) subject the signing by both parties of a Research Grant Agreement between Nutricia Ireland Limited and the NHS Trust as applicable (the “**Grant Agreement**”). For more information about the Grant Agreement, please contact [ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com](mailto:ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com).
11. The research project for which the Metabolics and Ketogenics Research Award is provided must start within 3 months of both parties signing the Grant Agreement.
12. Nutricia reserves the right to offer part funding for research projects (i.e. funding to cover some, but not all costs involved in the project). The final agreed funding to be provided to the winning applicant will be described in the Grant Agreement signed by both parties.
13. The winner is responsible for paying all associated costs that are not specifically stated in these terms and conditions and the Research Grant Agreement, including (where applicable) accommodation, expenses, equipment, insurance and all other incidentals.
14. The Prize is as stated and is non-exchangeable and non-transferable and there is no cash or other alternative to the Prize in whole or in part.
15. By participating in the Research Competition, entrants agree that the Prize is awarded on an "as is" basis, and that neither Nutricia nor any of its subsidiary or affiliated companies, make any representations or warranties of any nature with respect to the Prize beyond the right to offer part funding or full funding in line with the terms and conditions of the Research Grant Agreement up to the specified limit as set out in the Prize section.

#### **Entry**

16. The Research Competition starts at 9am Irish time on Monday 13th April 2026 and all entries must be received by no later than 5pm Irish time on the closing date of Friday 17th July 2026.
17. To enter the Research Competition, entrants must complete the application form and send it together with a research protocol for their study to [ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com](mailto:ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com). The research protocol should include background/ rationale, study aims/objectives, study design, methodology and outcomes.
18. By entering the Research Competition, entrants confirm they have received all necessary approvals from their employer (e.g. HSE or HSC Trust) in connection with entering the Research Competition.
19. Entries submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

20. Entrants represent and warrant that they have obtained all rights, licences, and permissions necessary, in writing, from any person who may have helped create and/or be featured in their entry and that their entry to the Research Competition fully complies with these terms and conditions and:
- is their original work and does not include the work of a third party, or if it does include such work that they have obtained all rights, licenses, and permissions necessary, in writing;
  - does not include trademarks, logos, or copyright protected material which belongs to third parties without permission;
  - does not violate any applicable local state, provincial, national or international law or include any content that would encourage or provide instructions for a criminal offence.
21. Any material submitted to the Research Grant Competition remains the sole property of the entrant/s and by entering the Research Competition this does not grant any intellectual property rights to Nutricia.
22. Nutricia shall be given the opportunity to review material for publication at least 60 days prior to submission for publication, public dissemination, or review by a publication committee. Nutricia shall be entitled to comment on the proposed publication.
23. Nutricia's role in supporting the study should be appropriately disclosed in any publication or public dissemination.

#### **The winner**

24. One (1) successful research grant application may be selected. Nutricia reserves the right to select no winners if no applications meet the expected standards for study design quality and relevancy to award topic are received. If more than one research funding application is selected, Nutricia may split the Prize of up to €15,000 between the winners at its discretion.
25. The winner of the Research Competition will be selected by a panel of judges from the Medical Affairs and Clinical Research team from all complete, eligible, properly submitted entries received before the end of the applicable closing date and the judges' decision is final. The decision will be based on the quality of the study design, completeness and detail of the application, relevancy of the study to the research topic and the contribution that the findings of the research may make to the evidence base in this field of nutrition research.
26. The winner will be notified no later than 5pm on Monday 5th October 2026 by email (to the email address provided at the time of entry).
27. If any emails to the winners are returned as undeliverable or the winner refuses the research grant, Nutricia reserves the right to select an alternative winner.
28. If the winner has not claimed their Prize by the date specified in the notification of winning, Nutricia reserves the right to select an alternative winner.
29. The successful applicant's employer (e.g. HSE or HSC Trust) remains responsible for ensuring the research progresses according to plan. If delays or difficulties are experienced, it shall promptly inform Nutricia and shall provide an indication of a new timelines.
30. Written reports of the Study progress will be provided to Nutricia at mutually agreed intervals.

#### **General**

31. By entering the Research Competition, entrants agree to have their name and photograph featured in

publicity materials relating to the Research Competition without further reference, payment or other compensation. This includes making their name as a winner available on Nutricia.co.uk, Twitter and LinkedIn.

32. Details of the winning application will be available on request by contacting [ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com](mailto:ukclinicalresearch@nutricia.com) within 3 months of the Research Competition closing date.
33. Incomplete, illegible, misdirected or late entries will not be accepted. Nutricia accepts no responsibility if entries are lost or not received or delayed including delay due to technical error. Proof of sending will not be taken as proof of receipt.
34. Save where it has been negligent, Nutricia will not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury resulting from entrants' entry into the Research Competition or their acceptance or for technical, hardware or software failures, lost, faulty or unavailable network connections or difficulties of any kind that may limit or prohibit their ability to participate in the Research Competition.
35. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall in any way limit the Nutricia's liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence or for any other matter where liability may not as a matter of law be limited.

**PARAGRAPHS 32 AND 33 CONTAIN DATA PROTECTION WORDING – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

36. Nutricia will collect and process participants' personal information and it may be shared with the Nutricia's agents and affiliates (including those outside the European Economic Area) to the extent necessary in order to conduct the Research Competition including for the Prize) to be delivered to the winner. If entrants do not provide any of the mandatory information requested when entering and taking part in the Research Competition, they may not take part in the Research Competition.
37. Entrants' names and other personal details from their entry to the Research Competition will be collected and stored by Nutricia and its affiliates (including those outside the European Economic Area) and held in accordance with Nutricia's privacy policy (see <https://www.nutricia.ie/hcp/privacy-policy.html>)
38. Although the Research Competition may be featured on Twitter/LinkedIn, this Research Competition is not sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with Twitter/LinkedIn. By entering this Research Competition, all entrants release Twitter/LinkedIn from any liability arising out of this Research Competition. Entrants are providing information to Nutricia and not to Twitter/LinkedIn. The information entrants provide will only be used for the purposes referred to in these terms and conditions.
39. Nutricia reserves the right to modify, cancel, terminate or suspend the Research Competition in whole or in part, at its sole discretion, if it believes the Research Competition is not capable of being conducted as specified within these terms and conditions.
40. Neither Nutricia nor any of its subsidiary or affiliated companies are responsible for any condition, circumstances, losses, failures or delays caused by events beyond its or their control such as (but not limited to) the acts or defaults of any supplier selected by Nutricia to provide the Prize or otherwise that may cause the Research Competition to be disrupted or corrupted, or that may lead to loss or damage of a prize in transit to a winner.
41. Any entrant who enters or attempts to enter the Research Competition in a manner, which in the Nutricia's reasonable determination is contrary to these terms and conditions or by its nature is unjust to other entrants (including without limitation tampering with the operation of the Research Competition, plagiarism, cheating, hacking, deception or any other unfair playing practices such as intending to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other entrants or Nutricia and/or any of its agents or representatives) may be rejected from the Research Competition at Nutricia's sole discretion. Furthermore, where such actions have significantly impaired the Research Competition, Nutricia may, at its sole discretion, add further stages to the Research Competition as it deems reasonably necessary in order to resolve any problems arising as a result of such actions.

42. Nutricia's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
43. These terms and conditions are governed by Irish law. The courts of Ireland shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear any dispute or claim arising in association with these terms and conditions.

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**Please do not send entries to this address.**