

Irish Accounting & Finance Association and Chartered Accountants Ireland Educational Trust Research Funding Competition

The Irish Accounting & Finance Association (IAFA) and Chartered Accountants Ireland Educational Trust (CAIET) are delighted to announce a joint research funding competition to support and advance research projects for IAFA members. Applications from researchers within all accounting and finance disciplines are welcome. Projects that can demonstrate relevance to educators, practitioners, policymakers, standard setters, regulators, professional advisors and business owners are particularly welcome. Research projects with a focus on the following areas are encouraged:

- Artificial intelligence and ethical decision-making.
- Sustainability and climate change reporting.
- Adaptive learning in accounting education.
- Contemporary issues in accounting.

Awards are subject to a maximum of €5,000 per application. IAFA and CAIET will jointly fund up to €20,000 for applications deemed of sufficient quality from applicants who meet the terms and conditions of application.

Terms and conditions:

- The competition is open to IAFA members; non-members wishing to apply can contact IAFA to become a member. See: <https://iafa.ie/>
- Individual applications, joint applications from researchers within the same institution, and joint applications between two or more researchers from two or more separate institutions, are welcome.
- Each application should clearly identify a single Principal Investigator (PI), who is a staff member in an institution of higher education on the Island of Ireland. Applicants cannot act as PI on more than one application.
- Members who are currently registered on a PhD programme cannot act as a Principal Investigator, but can be part of a joint application where another applicant acts as Principal Investigator.
- Applicants must not have received funding for their research project from elsewhere.
- Examples of qualifying expenditure include; data collection (including associated travel costs); transcription costs; attendance at research seminars/conferences/workshops; specialist training not available within your institution; journal submission fees; and other clearly identifiable project costs.
- The cost of computers/laptops, books, or software, which is normally covered under institutional licences, will not be supported. Institutional overheads will not be covered.
- Awardees can claim approved expenditure on an annual basis and must claim all expenditure within three years from the award date. Approved expenditure will be reimbursed by submission of appropriately documented and receipted expenditure claims to the IAFA Treasurer.
- Proposed projects can be between one and three years in duration.
- Awardees are required to prepare a final project report on the findings of their study and present it to CAIET within six months of completion of the project. For projects of greater than one year an interim report is to be presented within 18-months of the start date.
- Awardees are required to present the results of their study in a paper at an IAFA Conference within one year from the project completion date.
- Award recipients who benefit are required to explicitly acknowledge the support of IAFA and CAIET in their research project outputs.
- Applications will be adjudicated by an independent panel of IAFA and CAIET members.
- Applications are to be emailed to michael.hayden@mu.ie
- Informal enquires can be emailed to Michael Hayden (michael.hayden@mu.ie) or Stuart Henderson (s.henderson1@ulster.ac.uk)

Key Dates: Applications are open, closing 30/09/2025. Awards announced on or before 31/10/2025.



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2025 Research Funding Application Form

Principal Investigator Name:	
Academic Position:	
Academic Institution:	
Email:	
Telephone/Mobile:	
If a joint application please provide applicable co-researcher(s) name, academic position, and academic institution details:	
Title of Research Project	
Proposed Start Date:	Proposed End Date:
Proposed Use of Research Funding (please provide as much detail as possible)	
Description of costs	Approximate costings (€'s)
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED	

Description of your research (max. 1,500 words) including:

- research question/objective(s),
- brief outline of relevant literature,
- indication of research methodology,
- justification for funding this project and expected impact/outputs.

I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this funding award and accept that the adjudicators' decision is final.

Principal Investigator (name):	
Principal Investigator (signature):	
Date:	