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RE: 2027 Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity (CSPPA) Study Research Grant

Dear Colleagues,

Sport Ireland is seeking to support a high-quality research team to undertake the 2027 Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity Study (CSPPA) through a competitive research grant process. The grant aims to support scientific excellence and generate robust evidence to inform policy and practice across the island of Ireland.

The 2027 CSPPA Study Research Grant is funded by Sport Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland and the Department of Health with support from the Department of Education and Youth (DEY). Findings from the CSPPA Study are widely used by policy makers, researchers and practitioners to inform decision-making and evaluate progress in relation to children's participation in sport and physical activity.

The CSPPA study is a complex programme of research which covers two jurisdictions in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and requires a scientific knowledge and expertise to deliver, especially with regards self-reported physical activity levels in children, device based physical activity analysis and anthropomorphic measurements.

While continuity with previous CSPPA waves is important, Sport Ireland recognises the expertise of the research community and welcomes proposals that strengthen the scientific quality, methodological rigour and policy relevance of the study while maintaining comparability with previous waves. Applicants are expected to demonstrate scientific excellence, methodological rigour and the capacity to deliver a high-quality nationally representative study.

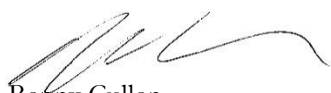
Key Details

- Funding available: €458,000 (all inclusive)
- Project timeline: September 2026 – December 2027
- Application deadline: 12 noon, Wednesday, 12th August 2026

We have attached a copy of the 2027 CSPPA Research Grant guidelines and application form. Sport Ireland is inviting grant applications from academic and research institutions. Collaborative applications involving multiple institutions are encouraged where appropriate. Applicants must complete and submit the official CSPPA 2027 Grant Application Template.

We would appreciate if you could circulate this funding opportunity to relevant colleagues, departments, research centres and networks within your institution. For enquiries, please contact: evaluation@sportireland.ie. We look forward to receiving innovative and impactful proposals from across the research community.

Yours sincerely


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