



Call for Proposals: ISH Wearable Wrist-Cuff BP Technology Research Funding

The International Society of Hypertension (ISH) invites applications for its research funding project dedicated to clinical implementation research using Huawei wearable devices.

1. Aims of the Project

The project supports high-quality research exploring the integration of wrist-cuff blood pressure technology into clinical practice. The goal is to promote evidence-based "smart solutions" that improve global hypertension management.

2. Funding Available

- **Number of projects to be supported:** Three (3) projects will be supported in 2026, subject to the calibre of applications.
- **Value per project: USD 25,000**, structured as follows:
 - **USD 20,000:** Clinical research incentive funding.
 - **Up to USD 5,000:** Subsidy for the purchase of the **HUAWEI WATCH D2** and other required Huawei wearable devices.
- **Limit:** One project to be funded per person/research group.
- **Timeline:** Project work must be completed within **12 months** of receiving the initial funding instalment.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- **Global Openness:** This funding opportunity is open to applicants worldwide.
- **Membership:** Applicants must be **ISH Members**. Current Associate Members must upgrade to the full ISH Member category to apply for funds. Non-members are encouraged to apply for ISH membership.
- **Professional Standing:** Applicants must hold a self-directed research position (e.g., Professor of any rank, Research Scientist, Doctor, Postdoctoral Fellow, or equivalent).
- **Institutional Support:** * Applicants must provide evidence of support and approval from their employer.
 - The employer must explicitly approve the time and resources required for the project.
- **Exclusions:** To ensure impartiality, ISH Council members, Committee/Regional Advisory Group Chairs, their immediate family, and members of their respective research teams are **ineligible** to apply.

4. Evaluation and Selection

Funding reviews will be conducted by an independent panel based on the following criteria:

- **Quality of Science and Engineering:** Assessment of the relevance, novelty, and scientific impact of the proposal.

- **Feasibility:** The project must be clearly written, concise, and demonstrably achievable within the 12-month timeframe.

5. **Research Ethics and Data Ownership**

- **Ethics Approval:** Funding will only be transferred once formal approval is received from the recipient's local institutional **Scientific/Ethics Committee**.
- **Autonomy:** Research teams will own their data and remain responsible for all regulatory and ethical requirements. Huawei will not be involved in the monitoring or execution of the study.
- **IPR:** Teams must comply with local Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) requirements. No IPR ownership is required by ISH or Huawei.

6. **Applicant Declarations**

By submitting an application, the applicant confirms that:

1. No third-party confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information is included.
2. Submitted materials do not infringe on any third-party IPR or violate any laws/regulations.
3. The information provided is not libelous, inaccurate, or untrue.

7. **Dissemination of Results**

- **Presentation:** Funding recipient's results **MUST** be presented at the **ISH Annual Scientific Meeting**.
- **Publication:** Results are expected to be published in **PubMed-indexed journals**.
- **Acknowledgments:** Both the **ISH and Huawei** must be acknowledged in all publications. Specific acknowledgment text will be provided by the ISH and included in the project contract.

8. **Relative to opportunity**

This takes into account the fact that researchers have different opportunities and circumstances that can affect their productivity and research output. For example, a researcher might have had challenges due to health issues, family responsibilities, or other personal reasons. Applicants are encouraged to summarise any circumstances that may have impacted their research output for reviewers to consider.

9. **Key dates:**

- Applications close: 10th March 2026
- Applicants notified of outcomes: 30th March 2026

10. **Applications**

Please submit your completed application form to secretariat@ish-world.com, along with the supporting documents detailed below.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Completed application form
2. Institutional Letter of Support