

The Professor Dermot O'Reilly Prize

This prize was created to remember the major contribution of Professor Dermot O'Reilly who died in October 2023 after a short illness. Professor O'Reilly was a public health scholar with an international reputation in the fields of health inequalities and administrative data research. He pioneered individual level, linked, administrative data research in Northern Ireland (NI). He held several positions of academic leadership including the founding Director of the Administrative Data Research Centre NI. The Centre for Public Health in the QUB School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences provide an annual prize to honour Dermot's innovation, leadership, collegiality, and scholarship. The prize is awarded for novel research of high academic merit that uses administrative data to understand population health and is published in a leading scientific journal.



The value of the prize is £500 and the presentation of an award medal. The prize is offered annually to researchers for a single original research paper which has made novel use of administrative data to advance our understanding about the determinants of population health and/or health inequalities, has been published in a leading academic journal, particularly in the field of epidemiology or public health, in the two years prior to the closing date for applications.

The award will be made by the Centre for Public Health to researchers (clinical or non-clinical) currently employed by Queen's University Belfast or who were QUB researchers when the paper was submitted to a journal. Researchers who are currently employed in health and social care are eligible to apply if they are affiliated with one of the recognised QUB research or education centres.

Applicants should submit a copy of their published work to the Centre Manager, Centre for Public Health, no later than the specified closing date. This should be accompanied by a written statement by the applicant, of no more than 200 words, indicating their contribution to the research, how this research uses data to advance our understanding of population health and any related impact.

A review panel will be convened to consider applications and to recommend the award of the prize.

Applications should be submitted by Friday 7th November 2025, to the Centre Manager, Centre for Public Health; Niamh McElherron (n.mcelherron@qub.ac.uk)