

The Attracta O'Regan Ovarian Cancer PhD Scholarship



Attracta O'Regan passed away on July 2, 2023 because of complications relating to ovarian cancer. There is currently **no accurate test** for the early detection of this type of cancer. In Attracta's memory, her husband, Ultan Bannon and their family have partnered with **Breakthrough Cancer Research** to launch a research scholarship targeting the **early detection of ovarian cancer**.

A major challenge in the clinical management of ovarian cancer is the late stage of diagnosis. Approximately **7 in 10 women are diagnosed at a late stage**, when clinical management is more challenging and survival is lower. More than **400 women** are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year in Ireland, and there are approximately **295 deaths***. These are not just numbers; they are someone's wife, mother, sister, daughter or friend.

Fundraising now begins for the 3-year €149,000 scholarship. The scholarship is being set up by the family in memory of Attracta, who was mother to Ian, Yvonne, Alecia and Cúán, wife of Ultan and mamó to Fíadh and Ríona. She was never happier than when she was teaching and learning. She was studying for her PhD when she passed away. It's a fitting tribute that her name will live on through the Attracta O'Regan Ovarian Cancer PhD Scholarship.

Ultan, their son Ian and friends are cycling from Paris to Nice in September 2024 in memory of Attracta, as she completed this cycle in 2017, but also to raise €149,000 for this essential need in women's healthcare research.



All donations will go to fund this research scholarship. We are asking you to donate by scanning the QR code or by following the [link to make a donation](#). Alternatively, you can make a bank transfer to :

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Please include "Attracta O'Regan" in the reference/narrative details.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ultan, Ian, Yvonne, Alecia & Cúán