

Discover Programme Call 2024 FAQs

1. How can I get to see the questions on the application form?

To see the application form, log into SESAME and generate an application. A project title will need to be added and a category selected (this can be amended at any time until the proposal has been submitted) and then go down to the end of the end of the application and select View Proposal to generate a PDF of the application form.

2. Can I include equipment costs in the budget?

Equipment required for the delivery of the project can be included in the project budget. Requests for equipment should be very carefully considered, and justification should be provided.

3. Do I add administrative assistant personnel expenses under the administrative expenses budget line?

No, personnel costs should be included under the project management budget line. The Administrative Expenses budget line is for the extra costs required to run the project, for example office utilities, HR expenses, costs related to reporting, financial management or IT etc.

4. Why should I evaluate my project?

Evaluation should be included from planning stage and throughout a project. It can improve the project's design and performance. It is especially important in community engagement and behavioural change projects, and it should be viewed as a valuable investment which improves the likelihood of achieving a successful outcome through better programme design.

It helps determine the specific need for the project, identify the target audience and also understand the expectations of the target audience.

Evaluation helps establish clear goals which can be assessed pre and post project. It allows the applicant to measure the extent to which their proposed outcomes have been achieved (what they have hoped to change) as opposed to a measurement of project outputs only.

5. Can SFI funded Research Centres apply for Discover Programme Funding?

Yes, SFI funded Research Centres can apply for Discover Programme funding in the 2024 funding call. However, this may change in future Discover Programme funding calls as SFI Funded Research Centres will be mandated to provide sufficient funding, from the SFI funded centre award, to ensure appropriate resourcing, implementation and evaluation of Education and Public Engagement activities.