

FAQ: EOI Capacity Building – Dentistry, Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary

1. Eligibility

1.1 Does ‘Veterinary’ also encompass ‘Veterinary Nursing’?

An Expression of Interest in Veterinary Nursing will be considered under the current EOI process.

1.2 Can new graduate entry programmes be included in the EOI?

Expressions of Interest in new graduate entry programmes will be considered as part of the current EOI process.

1.3 Can you please clarify whether the scope of the call extends to undergraduate and postgraduate program?

Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes will be considered as part of the current EOI process.

1.4 In relation to nursing, are all nursing disciplines considered, i.e., general nursing, midwifery, mental health nursing, or is the EOI solely focused on general nursing?

Yes, all forms of nursing will be considered under the current EOI process.

1.5 If we are proposing to expand the intake into an existing undergraduate programme in the University, and introduce a new graduate entry programme in the same subject to complement that existing capacity and provide further expansion in numbers, should these be submitted on the same EOI form? For example, if we were to propose an increased intake in undergraduate medical places through our existing programme and also propose a new graduate entry medical programme that would provide additional capacity, should both be submitted on the same EOI form?

Two EOIs should be submitted in the scenario described above.

1.6 Is this EOI directed at undergraduate only or are postgraduate programmes also under consideration? For example, public health nursing is at the postgraduate level. Is the HEA inviting expressions of interest for such programmes?

Expressions of Interest in postgraduate programmes will be considered as part of this EOI process.

1.7 We have some relevant Micro-Credential offerings in the pipeline with 5 and 10 ECTS offerings. Will these also qualify?

Micro-credential offerings will not be considered as part of the current EOI process.

1.8 Does this call include Emergency Medical Science / Paramedicine such as Paramedic or Advanced Paramedic levels?

Emergency Medical Science / Paramedicine offerings will not be considered as part of the current EOI process. The HEA expects a similar EOI process to build capacity in additional areas in 2023 and will consider including Emergency Medical Science / Paramedicine as part of that process.

1.9 Does the current process include allied healthcare workers, such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, radiation therapy or speech and language therapy?

Allied healthcare workers, such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, radiation therapy and speech and language therapy will not be considered as part of the current EOI process. This EOI process will consider Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medicine, and Veterinary.

1.10 Will postgraduate multidisciplinary programmes in medical ultrasound be considered under the scheme?

Postgraduate multidisciplinary programmes in medical ultrasound will not be considered as part of the current EOI process. This EOI includes Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medicine, and Veterinary.

2. Budget/Eligible Costs

2.1 Are projected costs for supports for students whilst on clinical placement, for example, the cost of Clinical Placement Coordinator and Student Allocation Liaison Officer (SALO) posts, to be included?

On projected costs for students on clinical placement, for example, the cost of Clinical Placement Coordinator and Student Allocation Liaison Officer (SALO) posts, these should be included.