Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) is seeking expressions of interest from higher education institutions interested in building capacity in Dentistry, Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing, and Veterinary. This process has been designed to respond swiftly to national skills needs, and EOIs are sought from institutions with capability to expand existing courses or create new courses in these areas in academic year 2024-25 or 2025-26. The HEA may use a similar EOI process to build capacity in these and other areas in the future.

This EOI is the first stage of a two-part selection process. On receipt of EOIs, the HEA, with support of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS), will shortlist EOIs that evidence that an institution(s) has the potential to build capacity in the identified discipline in the specified timeframe. For this reason, EOIs should focus on institutional readiness, giving due attention to current disciplinary alignment, existing institutional expertise and infrastructure, or potential to develop same, as well as planned future investment. An initial cost assessment should be included as well as information on any prior planning undertaken by the institution that demonstrates capability. EOIs should be submitted to [systemperformance@hea.ie](mailto:systemperformance@hea.ie) by **4pm on Friday, 18th November 2022.**

Institutions selected from the EOI process will be invited to submit a formal application for review by the HEA and an expert panel. Panels may be comprised of representatives from professional and/or regulatory bodies, international experts, and representatives from the HEA, DFHERIS, Department of Health, and Department of Agriculture, as appropriate. Applications will be due by Monday, 16th January 2023.

Institutions may submit more than one EOI but a separate EOI template should be used for each discipline. Institutions submitting more than one EOI will be expected to comment on their ability to manage multiple capacity building activities concurrently. EOIs that demonstrate inter-institutional co-operation are welcome.

Queries regarding this process may be submitted to [systemperformance@hea.ie](mailto:systemperformance@hea.ie).

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| **EOI Summary** | | |
| **Name of institution/s:** |  |
| **Disciplinary area:** | Choose an item. |
| **Form of capacity building:** | Choose an item. | |
| **Timeframe for initiation:** | Choose an item. | |

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| **EOI Proposal** |
| **Outline the rationale for submitting an EOI in this disciplinary area. This should include comment on:**   * **alignment or complementarity with current institutional capacity;** * **alignment or complementarity with current discipline/courses offered;** * **supporting infrastructure;** * **location and regional relevance;** * **any prior planning or work undertaken to support capacity building in this disciplinary area;** * **relevance to institutional, regional and/or national strategy.**   **Word count: 1000** |
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| **Comment on the institution’s capability to deliver the new/expanded course in academic year 2024-25/2025-26. This should outline, at a high level, institutional readiness with reference to supporting evidence.**  **Word count: 500** |
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| **Provide comment on any potential barriers or risks to the institution’s initiation of the new/expanded course within the specified timeframe.**  **Word count: 300** |
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| **Provide an initial cost assessment for delivering the new/expanded course. This should include a breakdown of indicative costs, including, but not limited to, curriculum development, staffing, infrastructure, estimated cost per place.**  **Word count: 300** |
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| **Any further information relevant to the EOI. Institutions submitting more than one EOI should comment on their ability to manage multiple capacity building initiatives here.**  **Word count: 300** |
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