

1. When is the Careers Programme Call opening?

The Careers call will be opening later on in July. Full details will be available on our website www.dublinscience2012.ie when it is available. Alternatively you can sign up for our newsletter, "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dublincityofscience2012 or "follow" us on Twitter www.twitter.com/dubscience2012 #dub2012 #esof2012

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3. When will space in the exhibition hall be available and how much will this cost?

At present ESOF 2012 are unable to provide details on reserving space in the exhibition hall in the Convention Centre Dublin and cost of doing so. Full details will be available on our website www.dublinscience2012.ie when it is available.

4. How much are delegate fees?

At present ESOF 2012 are unable to provide details on delegate fees. Full details will be available on our website www.dublinscience2012.ie when it is available.

5. Will there be exemptions / reductions for certain groups?

Travel grants will be available for a limited number of young researchers. There will also be the option to attend the conference virtually, through internet connection, at a reduced cost. More information will be available on www.dublinscience2012.ie in the coming months, so do please check the website regularly.

6. Will ESOF 2012 cover the cost of speakers?

Participants' involvement in the event must be completely self-financed: this includes contributors' travel, accommodation and any organisational expenses. However, no registration fee will be charged to the selected participants. You cannot apply to Euroscience or ESOF 2012 committees for financial support.

7. Will travel grants be available?

A limited number of travel grants will be available to young researchers. Full details will be available on our website www.dublinscience2012.ie when it is available.

8. What is the expected audience for ESOF 2012?

ESOF 2012 is not a conventional scientific meeting: the audience will be from a range of disciplines, including the social sciences. It is expected that 5000 scientists, business leaders, government officials and international media will be in attendance.

9. How do I submit my conference to the Partner Conference Programme?

If you are organising a conference in Dublin in 2012 please email us the details at info@esof2012.org and we will be happy to include your event in our Partner Conference Programme. Please note that ESOF 2012 or any of its committees will not be in a position to provide financial support to any conferences included in the Partner Conference Programme.

10. Will a proposal be rejected if it does not have international speakers?

A proposal will not be rejected solely on the basis that it does not include international speakers. However please remember that ESOF 2012 is a pan European conference and your proposal will be greatly strengthened by the inclusion of international speakers.

11. By when must the list of speakers be finalized?

The close date for proposals is the 30th of June 2011 12pm GMT. The success of a proposal will be based on content and speakers proposed. Therefore it is important to have speakers confirmed by the close date to improve your chances of success.

12. How much funding is available under the Public Engagement Programme?

Unfortunately, it is not possible at this time to give an indication of funding for individual projects. Funding levels will be designated once all proposals have been received.

Ideally, projects submitted into the Public Engagement Programme would be self funding or part funded. The level of funding will depend on the relative scale of the proposed event, and if the proposed project meets all of the criteria listed in the call guidelines to the satisfaction of the assessment committee. The call guidelines can be found at <http://www.dublinscience2012.ie/pep>

13. Is my proposal eligible for funding under the Public Engagement Programme?

It will not be possible for all proposed projects to receive funding from Dublin City of Science, and ideally proposed projects should be self funded or part funded. A small number of exceptional projects that capture the public's imagination and creatively engage with science will be offered limited financial support.

When developing proposals applicants should pay special attention to the following criteria:

Scope: While it is Dublin that is the City of Science, it is central to public engagement to create a programme that stretches to the whole of the island of Ireland and, if possible, internationally. What is the geographic scope of your proposed participation and how many people do you think it will reach?

Time: We wish to achieve a year-long programme of events. It is important to show how you can contribute to this. How long will your activity last during 2012?

Showcasing: Dublin City of Science 2012 should showcase science in Ireland. We wish to display the best of Ireland, Irish institutions, Irish scientists and researchers to international and national audiences. What will you contribute to this?

Originality and Creativity: Ideas that are creative and original will be of particular interest to this programme. We encourage participants to come up with different ways to accommodate our aims and objectives.

Legacy: A core aim of the programme is to ensure that a legacy is left in the community after 2012. Therefore, the proposed participation should show that they can contribute to this legacy.

14. Does my proposal fall under the Science programme or the Public Engagement Programme?

It is suggested that proposals that are aimed at the academic, research or policy communities are submitted under the Science programme, while proposals and events that are aimed at the general public should be submitted under the Public Engagement Programme.

15. Will ESOF2012/Dublin City of Science provide a list of venues for the public engagement programme?

Scientific sessions held during the ESOF 2012 conference will take place in the Convention Centre Dublin. Applicants under the Public Engagement Programme are responsible for choosing and organising venues for their events.

16. Is the Public Engagement Programme only open to organisations based in Dublin?

No. In fact applications from organisations and institutions from outside of Dublin are strongly encouraged.

17. Can organisations and institutions collaborate to submit a proposal for the public engagement programme?

Collaboration between organisations and institutions is actively encouraged. If during the assessment process the panel feel there is potential for collaboration between institutions who have submitted proposals independently they will suggest a linking between the two groups.

18. Can public engagement proposals be edited after they have been submitted?

Unfortunately it is not possible for Public Engagement Proposals to be edited after they have been submitted. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

19. Can supporting documentation be supplied with proposals for the Public Engagement Programme?

Unfortunately, it is not possible to include supporting documentation (pdf documents, videos etc) with your proposal. Where project proposals are substantive it may be deemed necessary to invite those parties in to make a presentation or to send supplementary information to the assessment committee.

