

The HSE National Simulation Office (NSO) in collaboration with the Spark Innovation Programme is delighted to introduce the NSO Simulation Innovation Fund (NATION). This is an initiative designed to promote projects that will progress key priority areas for developing simulation activities.

This initiative offers funding amounts of up to €20,000 for successful project applications that **support solutions and innovations** in the following 6 key priority areas for simulation:

- Programme management and improvement
- Collaboration
- Personnel development
- Promotion of simulation
- Ethics and integrity
- Resource management

The NATION initiative seeks to fund projects that:

- Are designed for implementation within a hub and spoke model*
- Support the implementation of a service model for simulation**
- Are solutions focused
- Demonstrate collaboration across the HSE and their academic partners
- Emphasise sustainable simulation
- Are deliverable within 24 months and the funding must be utilised by December 2025

Who Can Apply?

This initiative is open to HSE and Section 38, Higher Education Institutions and Post Graduate Training Bodies.

How To Apply

Applications must be made using the online application form and are open from the 24th May' 2024 until the 26th June at 12pm. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Queries



Application



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* The hub and spoke model in healthcare simulation is an organisational framework designed to enhance the accessibility and efficiency of simulation-based training. In this model, the "hub" represents a central, well-resourced simulation centre that offers advanced facilities, equipment, and specialised simulation staff. The "spokes" are smaller, satellite locations—such as regional hospitals or clinics—that are connected to the hub.

**A service model of healthcare simulation refers to a structured approach where simulation services are delivered systematically to meet specific training and educational needs within healthcare organisations. This model emphasises the provision of simulation as an integral service, much like any other healthcare support service