

Endeavour Fund 2019 Funding Round Questions and Answers

How will the Impact Panel work this year?

There will be no Impact Panel for the 2019 funding round. Instead, impact will be assessed remotely in the same manner as excellence. This assessment approach will result in the assessors assessing your proposal being more closely aligned to your area of impact as we will be able to select from a broader range of specialised experts.

If I submit my proposal under the Transform category, and assessors do not consider it is not transformative, can it be re-categorised under Protect and Add Value?

No. Once submitted, your proposal will be assessed under the category you specified and this category cannot be changed either by assessors, applicants, or MBIE.

Will co-funding for Endeavour proposals be eligible for the upcoming R&D tax incentive?

While the government has agreed the design of the R&D Tax Incentive and published legislation, that legislation is currently passing through parliament and is not yet law. We anticipate that it will become law during the second quarter of 2019.

We recommend that businesses co-funding projects through the Endeavour Fund 2019 funding round examine the legislation to determine whether they are eligible for the Tax Incentive. It is likely that this will depend on the specific circumstances of the research contracting arrangement. It is worth noting that under the schedules, any expenditure that is related to a grant made by the Crown or local authority is likely to be ineligible.

We suggest businesses talk to their tax advisors to help determine eligibility under the rules.