

We ask that you please keep these application questions confidential.

This document contains the questions included in the Big Blue Ocean Foundation funding application for first-time applicants, and should be used as a reference only. Only the responses entered into the online application will be considered.

Stage 1 Questions

Question number	Question
1-1	Do you have DGR-1 status? • Yes • No
1-2	Which of the following Big Blue Ocean Foundation pillars does your charity align with? (Select all that apply.) • Preserving natural environments • Research and education • Animals and their habitats
1-3	Is learning and/or knowledge-sharing a key focus of your initiatives? • Yes • No
1-4	How long has your organisation been in operation? • Less than 1 year • 1 to 5 years • 5 to 10 years • 10+ years
1-5	Does your governance structure include a board? • Yes • No

Stage 2 Questions

Question number	Question	Character limit
Tell us about your application		
2-1	How much funding are you seeking?	100
2-2	Tell us about the project you would like us to support. What is the project and why is it important?	900
2-3	How would you use the funds?	300
2-4	What impact would you expect to have as a result of our funding?	300
2-5	Name the people who will be involved in implementing and or managing the project.	300
2-6	Please describe the potential impact of your project in terms of reach and/or depth. For example, will your project affect a large number of people (broad reach) or create significant change for a smaller group (deep impact)?	300
2-7	How would you measure the impact of our funding? (For example what data collection method and metrics would you use?)	300
2-8	How would you report to us? (Note that at a minimum, we would like an end-of-project report, in addition to at least one other.)	300
2-9	Is there a particular opportunity that would make funding at this time especially valuable to your organisation or project?	300
2-10	What are your hopes and dreams for this project?	300
Tell us about your organisation's governance and leadership		
2-11	What is your organisation's ABN?	100
2-12	When was your organisation established?	100
2-13	How many members are on the board?	100
2-14	Write a brief statement about the average tenure of board members.	300
2-15	Briefly outline the background and experience of your board members and leadership team.	300
2-16	What governance structures are in place to ensure the organisation's accountability and transparency?	300
2-17	How does the board interact with the organisation? How frequently and what kind of interaction?	300
2-18	Briefly outline how (if at all) independent subject matter experts are involved in the organisation's decision-making processes.	300



	Outline the insurance coverage your organisation currently holds, particularly as it relates to the project you seek funding for.	300
2-19	How do you stay abreast of current research and/or practices relevant to your work and which (if any) other organisations do you collaborate with to do so?	300
2-20	Have there been any significant controversies or incidents involving your organisation and if so, how were they managed?	300
Tell us about your work and impact		
2-21	Geographically, where does your organisation operate and where would this particular work take place?	300
2-22	What long-term goals and impacts does your organisation aim to achieve?	300
2-23	How does your organisation define and measure the short-term impacts of your initiatives?	300
2-24	Can you provide us with examples of measurable outcomes and/or sustained positive change resulting from your organisation's work?	300
2-25	How do you track and report outcomes?	300
2-26	Can you provide any examples of educational/knowledge-sharing programs or activities that have been conducted by your organisation and comment on their success or otherwise?	300
Tell us about your finances		
2-27	Do you accept funding from any organisations that could be considered contentious?	300
2-28	Please upload your most recent annual financial report. Note that funding decisions cannot be made until we review the annual financial report for the year preceding the donation.	500MB
2-29	What strategies does your organisation employ to manage financial risk and ensure sustainability?	300
2-30	Please upload a simple cashflow forecast for your organisation or project.	500MB
2-31	Please provide any additional information that you think we should know.	300
2-32	Upload any additional document you'd like to share.	500MB



Stage 3 Questions

Question number	Question	Character limit
3-1	Please submit a short video (max 3 minutes) to give us greater insight into the project you are seeing funding for. In the video, you might like to mention some of the following points: • What you're trying to achieve • Why you're the right people to do it • What gives you confidence you will achieve your goals? • What becomes possible for the environment if you do	1GB