

● SCOPE: A practical framework for designing responsible research evaluations

The SCOPE Framework for responsible research evaluation was developed by the INORMS Research Evaluation Group as a practical tool for practicing research managers and administrators. It allows them to assess existing evaluations or to design new ones in line with best practice in research assessment. SCOPE is an acronym which stands for:

S - START with what you value when seeking to e-valu-ate;

C - Consider the CONTEXT in which you are evaluating – the who and the why?;

O - Explore all OPTIONS for evaluating;

P - PROBE your evaluation for unintended consequences and discriminatory effects; and

E - EVALUATE and evaluate your evaluation.

SCOPE operates under three principles:

- 1) Evaluate only where necessary;
- 2) Evaluate with the evaluated and
- 3) Utilise evaluation expertise.

The framework has been used by a wide range of organisations: funders, universities and publishers, to design responsible evaluations. This collaborative learning session will situate the SCOPE framework within the range of responsible research assessment principles, explain the SCOPE process, and allow participants to work through a real-life evaluation design example. Participants will leave with practical take-home experience of running SCOPE-based evaluations that they can apply to their own setting.

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