

MRFF Primary Health Care Research Initiative – 2019 Primary Health Care Research grant opportunity Scoring Matrix for the Technical Assessment Criteria

This scoring matrix is used as a guide when score an application against the technical assessment criteria. While the scoring matrix provides peer reviewers with benchmarks for appropriately scoring each application, it is *not essential that all descriptors relating to a given score are met*. The scoring matrix employs a “best fit” approach. Peer reviewers will refer to this scoring matrix to ensure thorough, equitable and transparent assessment of applications.

Assessing Indigenous health research excellence

The scoring matrix includes guidance on the assessment of Indigenous health research excellence.

Assessment Criterion 1: Project Impact (40%)

SCORE						
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comprehensively and convincingly addresses the objectives of the grant opportunity and will deliver against all desired outcomes • is informed by an exemplary analysis of existing and ongoing studies in the field • demonstrates broad and meaningful involvement of consumers community, and/or research end-users in the research journey* • demonstrates broad and meaningful involvement of an appropriate range of health service partners • utilises significant new and innovative approaches • if successful, will translate rapidly into outcomes that will significantly improve treatment of a medical condition 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strongly addresses the objectives of the grant opportunity, and will deliver against all desired outcomes • is informed by a thorough analysis of existing and ongoing studies in the field • demonstrates meaningful involvement of consumers, community, and/or research end-users in all key aspects of the research journey* • demonstrates strong involvement of relevant health service partners • if successful, will translate rapidly into outcomes that will improve treatment of a medical condition 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addresses all, or almost all, objectives of the grant opportunity with only minor concerns. Will deliver outcomes which are relevant to the desired outcomes • is informed by a good analysis of relevant existing and ongoing studies in the field, with only minor concerns with respect to the analysis • demonstrates consumer, community, and/or research end-user involvement in a number of key aspects of the research journey* • demonstrates sound involvement of health service partners • if successful, will translate into outcomes that will improve treatment of a medical condition 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addresses a number of the objectives of the grant opportunity to a varying degree. Will deliver outcomes which are of relevance to a number of the desired outcomes • there are several minor concerns about the analysis of existing and ongoing studies which informs the research • demonstrates consumer, community, and/or research end-user involvement in a number of aspects of the research journey* • demonstrates involvement of health service partners in some aspects of the research. • if successful, may translate into outcomes that improve treatment of a medical condition 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not convincingly address any of the objectives of the grant opportunity or is unclear in its approach to doing so • there are significant or major concerns about the analysis of existing and ongoing studies which inform the research • demonstrates limited consumer, community, and/or research end-user involvement in the research journey* • demonstrates narrow or otherwise limited involvement of health service partners • if successful, is unlikely to translate into outcomes that improve treatment of a medical condition 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not address the objectives of the grant opportunity or is unclear in its approach to doing so • is informed by a very limited analysis of existing and ongoing studies in the field • demonstrates minimal consumer, community, and/or research end-user involvement in limited aspects of the research journey* • the level of involvement of health service partners is unconvincing • if successful, is unlikely to translate into outcomes that improve treatment of a medical condition 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not address any of the objectives of the grant opportunity • is informed by a poor analysis of existing and ongoing studies in the field and therefore will not translate into outcomes that improved treatment of a medical condition • does not demonstrate consumer, community and/or research end-user involvement any aspect of the research journey* • does not demonstrate meaningful involvement of health service partners

SCORE						
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Project Impact: Indigenous research excellence criteria						
Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study will definitely lead to major and effective health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beyond the life of the project The outcomes of the study will have a very high impact on health services delivery or other community priorities. 	Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study will lead to considerable and effective health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beyond the life of the project The outcomes of the study will have a high impact on health services delivery or other community priorities. 	Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study will lead to effective health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beyond the life of the project The outcomes of the study will have an impact on health services delivery or other community priorities. 	Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study will lead to effective health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beyond the life of the project The outcomes of the study will have an impact on health services delivery or other community priorities. 	Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study may lead to limited or short-term health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples The outcomes of the study may have a moderate impact on health services delivery or other community priorities. 	Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study are unlikely to lead to any health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples The outcomes of the study are unlikely to have any impact on health services delivery or other community priorities. 	Sustainability and transferability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes of the study will not lead to any health gains for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples The outcomes of the study will not have any impact on health services delivery or other community priorities.
Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal will have a strongly significant health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal will have a significant health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal will have some health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal will have some health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal are likely to have a minimal health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal are likely to have little or no health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcomes from the proposal will have no health benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

*Research Journey involves the process from building relationships to developing the research idea, collecting and analysing data and sharing/translating results

Assessment Criterion 2: Project methodology (30%)

SCORE						
7	6	6	4	3	2	1
<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a near flawless design appropriate to the research question • is comparable with the best international research in the field • is highly feasible with all of the required expertise, research tools and techniques • is competitive with the highest quality research proposals internationally • includes highly effective milestones and performance indicators. 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a strong, well defined and coherent design appropriate to the research question • is comparable with strong, proposals in the field internationally • is feasible with all required expertise, tools and techniques established • is highly competitive with the quality research proposals internationally • includes effective milestones and performance indicators. 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is generally clear in its methodology, logical and appropriate to the research question • raises only very few minor concerns with respect to the study design • is feasible in all, or almost all areas: required expertise, tools and techniques established or nearly established • may not be highly competitive with similar research proposals internationally • raises a few very minor concerns about the appropriateness of milestones and performance indicators. 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is generally solid in design and is appropriate to the research question, but may not always be clear in its intent and focus • raises several minor concerns regarding the study design • raises doubt about feasibility in a number of areas • is not likely to be competitive with similar research proposals internationally • raises minor concerns about the appropriateness of milestones and performance indicators. 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is somewhat unclear in its design • is not appropriate to the research question or contains some major design flaws • raises major concerns about the feasibility and thus the likelihood of successful completion • raises significant concerns about the appropriateness of milestones and performance indicators. 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is unclear in its design • contains several major study design flaws • raises several major concerns about the feasibility and thus the likelihood of successful completion. 	<p>The proposed research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a poorly developed research plan which does not seem to be feasible and is unlikely to be successfully completed.
Project Methodology : Indigenous research excellence criteria						
<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal has a research plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has outstanding levels of community engagement, ensuring that the proposal is highly feasible • outstandingly demonstrates how the research and potential outcomes are a priority for the community to an outstanding degree. 	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal has a research plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has excellent levels of community engagement, ensuring that the proposal is feasible • demonstrates how the research and potential outcomes are a priority for the community to an excellent degree. 	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal has a research plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has very good levels of community engagement, ensuring that the proposal is likely to be feasible • clearly demonstrates how the research and potential outcomes are a priority for the community. 	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal has a research plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has good levels of community engagement • raises some concerns that the proposal is feasible • demonstrates how the research and potential outcomes are a priority for the community. 	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has limited community engagement • has several concerns that the proposal is feasible and achievable. 	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has little or no community engagement • is unlikely to be feasible and achievable. 	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>The proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has no community engagement • will not be feasible.

Assessment Criterion 3: Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (30%)

SCORE						
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<p>Relative to opportunity, the Chief Investigators (CIs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have high level expertise and experience in all aspects of the research • have over the last 5 years, a combined record of research achievement that is outstanding by international standards commensurate with their field of research (research quality, productivity and translation) • have senior members with outstanding national and international reputations in research methodology and the relevant research fields • may involve junior members who are strong contributors to the overall team capability 	<p>Relative to opportunity, the CIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have expertise that is highly relevant to the research • have over the last 5 years, a combined record of research achievement that is excellent by international standards commensurate with their field of research (research quality, productivity and translation) • have excellent national and/or international reputations in research methodology and the relevant research fields • may include junior members who contribute to overall team capability 	<p>Relative to opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are only minor concerns about the CI's level of expertise and experience required to undertake the proposed research • the CIs have over the last 5 years, a combined record of research achievement that is well above average by international standards commensurate with their field of research (research quality, productivity and translation) • the CIs have very good national and/or international reputations in research methodology and relevant research fields • the CIs may include junior members who have the potential to add to team capability. 	<p>Relative to opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are significant concerns about the CI's level of expertise and experience required to undertake the proposed research • the CIs have over the last 5 years, a combined record of research achievement that is average by international standards commensurate with their field of research (research quality, productivity and translation) • the CIs have good national and/or international reputations in research methodology and the relevant research fields • the CIs may include junior members who have the potential to add to the team capability, but there is little evidence of a mentoring framework. 	<p>Relative to opportunity, the CIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have made contributions to the field of research but there are significant concerns regarding the depth and breadth of relevant expertise of the team • have over the last 5 years, a combined record of research achievement (research quality, productivity and translation) that places them at an average level for their peers/cohort • have made limited progress towards research achievements warranting national or international recognition. 	<p>Relative to opportunity, the CIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is deficient in some areas of expertise that will be required to successfully complete the proposed research • have published only a few works in relevant fields of research • are not well recognised nationally or internationally for their achievements in the relevant research fields. 	<p>Relative to opportunity, the CIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are deficient in the relevant expertise required to successfully complete the proposed research • is not productive to any significant extent in relevant fields • are not well recognised nationally or internationally for their achievements in the relevant research fields.
Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project: Indigenous research excellence criteria						
<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has an outstanding track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal will build outstanding capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 	<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has an excellent track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal will build excellent capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has a very good track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal will build very good capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has a good track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal may build good capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has a marginal track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal may build minimal capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has an unsatisfactory track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal is unlikely to build capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 	<p>Building capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has a poor track record in working with communities and building capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples • The proposal will not build capability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.