

EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR RAPID RESEARCH GRANT (RRG)

Research Proposals under the **Rapid Research Grant (RRG)** will be assessed by review panels/ expert evaluators based on the following **Evaluation Criteria**. The reviewers will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**.

Evaluation Criteria

<p>Relevance to the Priority Thematic Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposal clearly identify the RRG Priority Thematic Area Are the identified aspects of the Priority Thematic Area significant and important enough to address COVID-19 outbreak in national context and to merit RRG award?
<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposal present a compelling case for the research plan to address the Priority Thematic Area? Is the scope of the proposed research feasible and reasonable in the RRG timeframe and with the anticipated RRG budget? Does the proposed research plan contribute scientifically to addressing the COVID -19 Pandemic? Does the proposal appropriately address the health guidelines (including those from the World Health Organization) related to COVID-19 and the proposed innovation? Does the dissemination plan effectively communicate the anticipated research results to all relevant stakeholders?
<p>Project Team & Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project team have the skills and track record to implement the project in a timely fashion? Do the project sectoral partners bring appropriate knowledge and expertise to the proposed project? Does the proposal clearly describe the roles of all partners – academic and sectoral –to contribute to the proposed project to addresses COVID-19?
<p>Resources and Facilities to Implement RRG Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the project timeline reasonable? Does the proposal describe appropriate milestones to be delivered during the project lifetime? Does the research team have the physical resources and facilities available to implement the proposed research plan (these can be on-site at the host institution, available through partners, or planned purchases through the proposed RRG award)? Is the project budget reasonable? Is the budget appropriately allocated to ensure that the project goals can be achieved? Does the proposal describe an adequate risk management strategy?
<p>Does the proposed research address a critical need in the COVID-19 pandemic?</p>

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7- Outstanding	Exceptionally strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
6-Excellent	Very strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
5-Very Good	Very strong Proposal with minor weaknesses
4-Good	Strong proposal with minor weaknesses
3-Average	Proposal having some strengths but moderate weaknesses
2-Weak	Proposal having few strengths with major weaknesses
1-Poor	Proposal having very few strengths with numerous major weaknesses