

EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR RAPID INNOVATION SEED FUND (RISF)

Research Proposals under the **Rapid Innovation Seed Fund (RISF)** 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

Criteria for Evaluation
<p>Potential Impact of Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal clearly identify an Innovation relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic? • Is the Innovation significant and important enough to merit a Rapid ISF award to address COVID-19? • Is there a need for the proposed Innovation?
<p>Proposed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the current status of the innovation appropriate for support under Rapid ISF? • Are the intermediate milestones reasonable to bring the innovation to market within the project timeline (6 months)? • Does the proposal appropriately address the commercial, legal and regulatory issues associated with the innovation? • Does the proposal appropriately address the health guidelines (including those from the World Health Organization) related to COVID-19 and the proposed innovation? • Is the proposal sustainable and capable of generating a continued revenue stream in the future?
<p>Project Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project team have the skills to implement the project in a timely fashion? • Does the project team have the skills to bring the innovation to market in a manner that addresses the COVID-19 pandemic? • Does the proposal clearly describe the roles of all team members in enabling the innovation to reach the market?
<p>Capacity to Implement Rapid ISF Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project team have the appropriate track record to deliver on the Rapid ISF program? • Does the project team have access to the physical resources and facilities necessary to implement the Rapid ISF project (these can be on-site at the host institution, available through the sectoral partners or elsewhere)? • Is the budget appropriately allocated to ensure that the project goals can be achieved? • If appropriate, does the team include a process to collaborate with the relevant business/sectoral partners to facilitate bringing the innovation to market?
<p>Integration of Proposal Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal present a compelling case for support? • In its entirety, does the proposal inspire confidence in the capacity of the team to deliver the innovation to market in a timely manner?
<p>Does the proposed innovation 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