



EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR DESK EVALUATION RAPID TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANT (RTTG)

Research Proposals under the **Rapid Technology Transfer Grant (RTTG)** 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 against each criteria and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**. An overall score will also be assigned to the application on the grading scale:

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria for Evaluation	Weightage	Score (1-7) <i>(Refer to Grading Scale)</i>
<p>Relevance to the Priority Thematic Area and Importance of Technology Transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal clearly identify the RTTG Priority Thematic Area, and describe how the project will lead to import replacement in the national interest? • Are the identified aspects of the Priority Thematic Area and the import replacement significant and important enough to merit RTTG award? 	20	
<p>Proposed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal identify the appropriate research, development and technology transfer questions necessary to move the potential application from university research to commercial application? • Are the proposed research, development and technology transfer activities reasonable? Does the proposed workplan demonstrate a viable path towards commercialization? • Is the current status of the technology appropriate for support under RTTG? • Are the intermediate milestones reasonable to bring the innovation to market within the project timeline (6 months)? 	20	
<p>Project Team & Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project team have the necessary skills to implement the project in a timely fashion? • Do the sectoral partners bring appropriate knowledge and expertise – in research, development and/or commercialization – to the proposed project? • Does the proposal clearly describe the roles of all partners – academic and sectoral – in enabling the technology to reach the marketplace in a manner that leads to import replacement and addresses the challenges of the Thematic Area? 	20	

<p>Capacity to Implement RTTG Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project team have the appropriate track record to deliver on the RTTG program in a timely fashion? • Is the PI qualified to lead the RTTG project? • Does the proposal describe appropriate milestones to be delivered during the project lifetime? • Does the project team have access to the physical resources and facilities necessary to implement the RTTG project (these can be on-site at the host institution, available through the sectoral partners or elsewhere)? • Is the project budget reasonable? Is the budget appropriately allocated to ensure that the project goals can be achieved? • 	10	
<p>Ability to Address Risks, Regulatory (and other) Considerations in a timely manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal appropriately address the commercial, legal and regulatory issues associated with the innovation? • Does the proposal describe an adequate risk management strategy? • Does the proposal inspire confidence that these considerations can be addressed in the project lifetime? 	15	
<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 commercialize the technology in a timely manner? 	5	
<p>Does the proposed technology transfer project address a critical need related to import replacement?</p>	10	

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