



## EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR DESK EVALUATION National Research Program for Universities (NRPU)

Research Proposals under the **National Research Program for Universities (NRPU)** 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 on Grading Scale (1-7)
<b>Capacity and Commitment of PI (s) and Team Members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent does the PI(s) and overall project team has demonstrated ability, expertise and necessary skills to conduct the proposed research?</li> <li>• To what extent the PI(s) has shown level of commitment and devoted significant time necessary for execution of the project?</li> </ul>	10	
<b>Nature and Strength of Collaboration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent the consortium, consisting of academic and sectoral collaborators have well-defined roles, expertise and commitment to conduct the proposed activities?</li> <li>• To what extent prospects for sustainable and long term collaboration exists after completion of the project?</li> </ul>	10	
<b>Clear and Realistic Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent objectives of the project are clearly defined, measurable and achievable with in the project timeline?</li> </ul>	10	
<b>Novelty and Originality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent the proposed activity suggests and explores creative and original or potentially transformative concepts and approaches and demonstrates innovation potential for new products, services or business and organizational models?</li> </ul>	15	
<b>Credibility of Design and Methodology and Approach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent does the proposed methodology, strategies and approach are well-reasoned, well organized, and based on a sound rationale and clearly support attainment of the project objectives?</li> <li>• To what extent key activities and procedures to complete the project are clearly articulated and reasonable?</li> <li>• To what extent the resources assigned to the proposed work are in line with their objectives and deliverables?</li> </ul>	15	
<b>Availability of Resources and Facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent adequate resources (human, technical and other) are available to the PI(s) (either at the home institution or through collaboration) necessary to carry out the proposed activities in a timely manner?</li> </ul>	10	
<b>Dissemination of Research Results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent effective plan and mechanism have been identified and included in the project for dissemination of research results to the researchers, policy makers, and a broader range of relevant stakeholders (industry, government, community etc)</li> </ul>	10	

<p><b>Budget Reasonability and Justification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent the budget under each item is clearly outlined with sufficient details and justification and is reasonable to the proposed work?</li> <li>To what extent the cash or in-kind costs are clearly identified?</li> </ul>	10	
<p><b>Potential Impact of the Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent does the proposed research addresses important challenges related to the thematic area or bring important benefits to the society?</li> <li>To what extent output of the project would enhance innovation or address the industrial concerns through development of a new product/ prototype/ process or improve an existing product/process</li> <li>To what extent the proposed work enhance academia-industry / end user partnership?</li> </ul>	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