

Social Innovation Research Fund Pilot Project Evaluation Criteria for Reviewers

Overview

The criteria listed below aims to give reviewers of applications guidance in scoring project proposals for the Social Innovation Research Fund Pilot administered by the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF) in partnership with the New Brunswick Social Policy Research Network (NBSPRN).

Decision on proposals will be made via numeric ranking according to evaluation criteria and in the case of a tie, a final decision will be achieved with a vote. The committee will award grants according to highest total scores based on the criteria until the funding envelope is exhausted but may elect to award less than the funding envelope if insufficient high-quality applications are received.

Project Evaluation

Please note: Each reviewer is asked to assign a score out of 10 for each category, where 10 is the highest score possible.

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| 1. | <p>Knowledge mobilization plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the research involve the social group that it impacts? • Is there a plan for these results to be shared and acted upon (timelines, milestones for future work or knowledge transfer)? • Will the knowledge flow in two directions between the researcher and the social groups, allowing for input and feedback? |
| 2. | <p>Demonstrated social need for the innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the target client group’s need been clearly identified? |
| 3. | <p>Quality of the partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project cross multiple disciplines? Involve various stakeholders associated with the issue the innovation seeks to address? Are the stakeholders contributing to the project, either financially or with an in-kind contribution? |
| 4. | <p>Social impact of the innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the innovation have a measurable impact on New Brunswickers (through a product, service or policy), or more specifically the community or group it was targeted to help? |
| 5. | <p>Economic impact of the innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the innovation have a measurable economic impact - either directly through the creation of a product/service or more indirectly through cost avoidance or process or policy improvement? |
| 6. | <p>Capacity of the researcher to execute the project or program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through evaluation of the CV of the researcher, consideration of the resources that the research team has available (facilities, other sources of funds, etc.) – should they be able to complete the project? |