

Equipment Fund Evaluation Criteria

Overview

The criteria listed below aims to give reviewers of applications guidance in scoring project proposals for the Equipment Fund administered by the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF). Decision on proposals will be made via numeric ranking according to evaluation criteria.

Project Evaluation

Please note: A score out of 10 will be given for each category, where 10 is the highest score.

1. The research done with this equipment has a strong potential to generate new intellectual property.
 - The research programme proposed is innovative and novel.
 - Examples of potential IP includes patents, trade secrets, and research contracts with industry.
2. There is intent to commercialise some of the research that this equipment will facilitate and/or the research addresses a market need
 - Is the plan for potential commercialization well-articulated?
 - Is the research programme demonstrated to be of interest to industry (eg via the presence of an industrial partner, letters of intent from stakeholders)?
 - Will the research address a quantifiable market need (eg market analysis)?
3. Broad benefit of this equipment to New Brunswick
 - Will the equipment be fully utilised?
 - Are there are a range of partners/collaborators who will participate?
 - Does similar equipment already exist here?
 - Is there anticipated use by industry or an industrial partner?
4. Scientific and technical merit of the proposed research programme to be carried out with the equipment
 - Has or will this research programme be peer-reviewed?
 - Is the research programme associated with this equipment clearly articulated and does it have potential to make a significant impact?

5. Quality of the knowledge dissemination

- How will the research facilitated by this equipment be disseminated – is there a plan to share the knowledge outside of academia?
- If the knowledge won't be broadly disseminated, is there an already identified industrial receiver of the information?
- How will industry partner(s) be engaged with the results of the research?

6. Capacity of the researcher to execute the program:

- 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 proposed programme?

7. The proposal presents the necessary information so that it can be properly evaluated. The proposal is well written, fluid, and complete.