

Strategic Opportunities Fund - Evaluation Criteria

Overview

The criteria listed below aims to give reviewers of applications guidance in scoring project proposals for the Strategic Opportunities Fund administered by the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF).

Project Evaluation

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

1.	<p>Significant leverage opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum leverage ratio of 4:1 is expected, and a higher ratio is desirable • Is this a national or international opportunity that is being leveraged?
2.	<p>Strength of the partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are their other research partners engaged, beyond the PI and their group? • Is the research team multidisciplinary? • Are there engaged partners outside of NB? • Is there potential for this work to be implemented in multiple sectors?
3.	<p>Significant economic benefit (direct or indirect)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will this program create new research capacity in New Brunswick or substantially build on an existing capacity? • Does this program create opportunities for NB to contribute on a national or international level, with potential significant exposure? • Has the PI quantified the expected economic impact of this work, direct or indirect, and is it significant?
4.	<p>Research training opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be opportunities for students or junior researchers to be actively engaged in this project? • Will the trainees have access to a broader research training experience outside of the PI's group via this opportunity? • Does this project offer a significant experiential learning opportunity?
5.	<p>Quality of the knowledge transfer and/or technology transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the research 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 non-academic receiver of the information? • How will partner(s) be engaged with the results of the research?
6.	<p>Capacity of the researcher to execute the 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.) – are they able to complete the proposed project?
7.	<p>The proposal presents the necessary information so that it can be properly evaluated. The proposal is well written, fluid, and complete.</p>