

NEW BRUNSWICK INNOVATION FOUNDATION
FONDATION DE L'INNOVATION DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Emerging Projects
General criteria for proposal evaluation
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All criteria are to be scored on a scale of 0 to 10. Ten is the highest score a project can receive on a specific criterion.

1.	<p>The project as described is innovative and has scientific merit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This can be demonstrated by a successful peer review. If no peer review has been done, the reviewers will use the information presented to judge merit.
2.	<p>Is the proposed project demonstrably different from the researcher's previous work, e.g. it is shown to be an emerging area of research? Some examples of novelty include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work involving new partners or collaborators • Application of the previous techniques/results to a new area of study • Extending fundamental research studies into a new, more applied area
3.	<p>There is a potential socioeconomic impact (direct or indirect) on NB from this work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a potential for economic spin off from this work? • Is commercialization anticipated at a later stage in this project? • Are there potential indirect economic impacts, e.g. from policy changes this work might inspire?
4.	<p>The principal researcher and their collaborators have the capacity to execute the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure • Equipment • Personnel (both directly in the PI's team and the collaborators engaged) • Previous experience in the field is not a criteria for evaluation given the emphasis on emerging projects; however, it needs to be shown that the team can carry out the proposed work.
5.	<p>Are matching funds clearly identified (secured or requested)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It makes no bearing on score if the funding is requested or secured; however, researchers will need to confirm that all tentative funding is secured within six months of the award date. • Contribution of funds from other partners (e.g. companies/NGOs) will be given more weight than those from funding agencies.
6.	<p>The principal investigator and his collaborators in the project have an excellent research record of accomplishment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is evaluated by an examination of the PI's CV. The number of peer-reviewed publications, technical reports, research contracts, book chapters, peer-reviewed conference papers etc. Anything not peer-reviewed should be scored lower. The Journal impact factor and h-index can also be taken into consideration.
7.	<p>The proposal presents the necessary information so that it can be properly evaluated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the proposal well structured and all the information is there so you can make a sound decision?