

Scoring Matrix for Board and Panel Meetings

Score Indicators

10. Exceptional –Top international programme or of exceptional national strategic importance

- Quality Fundable
 - Highly original and innovative
 - Novel methodology and design
 - Excellent leadership (team, environment, and collaborators are amongst the best in a broad field)
- Impact
 - Crucial scientific question or knowledge gap
 - Potential for high health and/or socioeconomic impact
 - Internationally unique resource of value to many disciplines
- Productivity
 - Potential for high return on investment
 - Very high likelihood of successful delivery (risks well managed)

9. Excellent – Internationally competitive and leading edge in most areas

- Quality Fundable
 - Original and innovative
 - Novel methodology and design
 - Excellent leadership (team, environment, and collaborators e.g. among the best in a specialist area)
- Impact
 - Crucial scientific question or knowledge gap
 - Potential for high health and/or socioeconomic impact
 - Internationally significant resource of value to many disciplines.
- Productivity
 - Potential for high return on investment
 - Very high likelihood of successful delivery (risks well managed)

8. Very High Quality – Internationally competitive and leading edge nationally

- Quality Fundable
 - Original and innovative
 - Robust methodology and design (innovative in parts)
 - Excellent leadership (team, environment, and collaborators)
- Impact
 - Crucial scientific question or knowledge gap or area of strategic importance to the UK
 - Potential for high health and/or socioeconomic impact
 - Resource of value to many disciplines.
- Productivity
 - Potential for significant return on investment
 - Very high likelihood of successful delivery (risks well managed)

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7. High Quality – Leading edge nationally and internationally competitive in parts

- Quality Fundable
 - Innovative
 - Robust methodology and design (innovative in parts)
 - Strong leadership (team, environment, and collaborators)
- Impact
 - Key scientific question or knowledge gap or area of strategic importance to the UK
 - Potential for significant health and/or socioeconomic impact
 - Valuable scientific resource
- Productivity
 - Potential for significant return on investment
 - High likelihood of successful delivery

6. High Quality – Leading edge nationally, but not yet internationally competitive

- Quality Fundable
 - Methodologically robust study
 - Appropriate leadership (team; environment; collaborators)
- Impact
 - Worthwhile scientific question or knowledge gap
 - Justifiable scientific resource
 - Potential for reasonable health and/or socioeconomic impact
- Productivity
 - Resources appropriate to deliver the proposal
 - High likelihood of successful delivery

5. Good Quality – Nationally competitive

- Quality Not fundable
 - Methodologically sound study but areas require significant revision
Leadership not optimal (scope to strengthen team; environment; collaborators)
- Impact
 - Worthwhile scientific question with potentially useful outcomes
 - Moderate likelihood of contributing to new knowledge generation
- Productivity
 - Resources broadly appropriate to deliver the proposal
 - Good likelihood of successful delivery

4. Potentially Useful – With significant weaknesses

- Quality Not fundable
 - Methodologically weak study (approach or study design requires significant revision)
 - Leadership/environment not optimal
- Impact
 - Contains potentially useful ideas but requires major revision
 - Moderate likelihood of successful delivery
- Productivity
 - Resources inappropriate to deliver the proposal
 - Unlikely to significantly contribute to new knowledge generation

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3. Potentially Useful – With major weaknesses

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Question poorly definedo Methodologically weak studyo Poor leadership/environment• Productivity<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Unlikely to contribute to new knowledge generation	Not fundable
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2. Poor quality science, bordering on unacceptable

Not fundable

1. Unacceptable quality or has serious ethical concerns

Not fundable