



The scoring system for research applications is that each application is first graded by each member of Awards Committee as a 0, 1 or 2 based for each evaluation criteria:

- 0 – did not successfully achieve the evaluation criteria
- 1 – achieved the evaluation criteria
- 2 – surpassed the evaluation criteria

Criterion #1: Research Approach (Weight: 10%)		
Clarity of the research question, rationale for the research approach and methodology.		
Appropriateness of the research design and methods.		
Feasibility of the research approach (including recruitment of subjects, project timeline, preliminary data where appropriate, etc.).		
Multidisciplinary collaboration		
Total:		X 1.0
Final score for Research Approach:		

Criterion #2: Originality of the Proposal (Weight: 10%)		
Potential for the creation of new knowledge.		
Alignment of research program with priority patient areas		
Originality of the proposed research, in terms of the hypotheses and research questions addressed.		
Use of novel technology/methodology, and/or novel applications of current technology/methodology.		
Total:		X 1.0
Final score for Originality of the Proposal:		

Criterion #3: Applicant(s) (Weight: 10%)		
Qualifications of the applicant(s), including training, experience and independence (relative to career stage).		
Experience of the applicant(s) in the proposed area of research and with the proposed methodology.		
Ability to successfully and appropriately disseminate research findings, as demonstrated by knowledge translation activities (publications, conference presentations, briefings, media engagements, etc.).		
Appropriateness of the team of applicants (if more than one applicant) to carry out the proposed research, in terms of complementarity of expertise and synergistic potential.		
Total:		X 1.0
Final score for Applicant:		

Criterion #4: Environment for the Research (Weight: 5%)		
Availability and accessibility of personnel, facilities and infrastructure required to conduct the research.		
Suitability of the environment to conduct the proposed research.		
Suitability of the environment (milieu, project and mentors) for the training of personnel (if applicable).		
Research to be completed in timely manner		
Total:		X 0.5
Final score for Environment for the Research:		



Criterion #5: Impact of the Research (Weight: 30%)		
Research proposal addresses a significant need or gap in health research and/or the health care system.		
Evidence that the research could improve the efficiency and safety/quality access, equity and health outcomes-of care for optometric patients		
Appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed plan for knowledge dissemination and exchange.		
Potential for research to be translated into practical applications AND/OR novelty of methods to be developed or applied.		
Total:		X 3.0
Final score for Impact of the Research:		

Criterion #6: Anticipated Benefits of this Program / Project (Weight: 30%)		
Dissemination plan for project results		
Direct impact on day to day optometric practice in Canada		
Potential for a significant contribution to the improvement of people's health in Canada and the world.		
Potential for a significant contribution to the development of more effective health services and products		
Total:		X 3.0
Final score for Anticipated Benefits of this Program / Project:		

NEW Criterion #7: Budget Allocation (Weight: 5%)		
Dissemination of funds is for advancement of project		
Total:		X 0.5
Final score for Budget Allocation:		

TOTAL SCORE:	
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