

ACADEMIC REVIEWER RUBRIC FOR OVARIAN CANCER CANADA-LED OPEN FUNDING COMPETITIONS

OVERALL GUIDANCE

Outstanding	The proposal is highly innovative and addresses a critical gap in our knowledge. The proposal has very few flaws.
Excellent	The proposal is novel and addresses an important gap in our knowledge. The proposal could be improved but suggested improvements are minor in
Very Good	The proposal is interesting and will make important advances but has limitations that should be considered.
Good	The proposal is compelling but limited in scope or important concerns have been raised regarding feasibility or expertise within the research team.
Fair to Poor	Major changes are required. Funding should not be considered in its current form.

SPECIFIC AREAS FOR EVALUATION

ADJUDICATION AREA	CONSIDERATIONS	OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR TO POOR
Project fit (UP TO 20 POINTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Project type and scope fits the eligibility criteria outlined in competition guidelines * Budget and timelines are appropriate, feasible and clearly laid out * Canadian content: projects building on Canadian science will be prioritized 	Score range 18-20	16-17	14-15	12-13	<12
Scientific merit / research strategy (UP TO 40 POINTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Compelling rationale with supporting data * Clearly stated hypotheses and objectives * Well-described and feasible methodological approach * Identification of potential methodological issues and mitigation plan * Appropriate data analysis plan * Novelty/innovation 	Score range 36-40	32-35	28-31	24-27	<23
Potential for impact (UP TO 15 POINTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Potential to further the ovarian cancer research field and ultimately impact patient care and/or outcomes 	Score range 14-15	12-13	10-11	9	<9
Research team (UP TO 15 POINTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assembled team has relevant expertise to carry out the proposed work * Research environment/institutions provide relevant infrastructure/support to carry out proposed work * National scope: projects involving multiple sites across Canada are encouraged (but not required) 	Score range 14-15	12-13	10-11	9	<9
Patient engagement (UP TO 5 POINTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Applicant has sought feedback from individual/s with lived experience of ovarian cancer during the grant preparation process * Proposal outlines a plan for meaningful patient engagement throughout the study period 	4.5-5	4-4.49	3.5-3.99	3-3.49	<3
Lay summary (UP TO 5 POINTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clearly describes the rationale, objectives, design and potential impact in plain language 	4.5-5	4-4.49	3.5-3.99	3-3.49	<3