

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Funding Program: Bridging Fund

Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

Program Goal: Enable researchers with meritorious funding proposals to secure large-scale federal research investments for projects that advance impact in a New Brunswick priority sector.

Criteria

The application will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Category	Assessment Questions
Relevance & Alignment	<p>To what extent does the proposal align with the funding program?</p> <p>To what extent is the proposal relevant within the priority and/or enabling sector?</p>
Impact & Outcomes	<p>To what extent will the activities and deliverables described in the proposal help refine, strengthen or enhance the application for resubmission to the tri-council funding program?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal clearly articulate intended outcomes and measures for success?</p> <p>To what extent will the proposal's expected future outcomes demonstrate an impact in New Brunswick?</p>
Sustainability	<p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate consideration of funding sustainability should the resubmission to the tri-council funding program be unsuccessful?</p>
Capacity & Feasibility	<p>To what extent does the researcher provide evidence of relevant skills, experience, and resources to successfully deliver the project?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate a realistic and achievable delivery plan, considering timelines, budget, resources, and key risks?</p>

Scoring Rubric

1	Does not satisfy the criterion
2	Partially satisfies the criterion
3	Satisfies the criterion
4	Strongly satisfies the criterion
5	Exceeds the criterion

Review & Scoring Processes

This funding program uses a peer-level review. Peer reviewers are external subject-matter experts and who hold a Doctor of Philosophy degree in their field.

Criteria will be scored using the above scoring rubric. Each reviewer's scores are averaged across the evaluation criteria. The final score for each application is the average score across all reviewers, which is then used to rank applications.