

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Funding Program: Clinical Fellowships

Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

Program Goal: The goal of this program is to attract and retain high caliber clinician-scientists to establish research programs within their clinical practice, while contribute to advancing knowledge and research impact in the health sector.

Criteria

The application will be assessed based on the following criteria:

| Category | Assessment Questions |
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| Relevance & Alignment | <p>To what extent does the proposal align with the funding program?</p> <p>To what extent does the research proposal address a health or health care delivery issue that is relevant to a significant portion of the New Brunswick population?</p> |
| Impact & Outcomes | <p>To what extent does the proposal clearly articulate intended outcomes and measures for success?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate that the project's outcomes contribute to the overall research program?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal address one or more outcomes identified in the quintuple aim (improve patient experience, improve population health, reduce costs, improve well-being of healthcare providers, advance health equity)?</p> <p>To what extent will the proposal's expected future outcomes demonstrate an improvement or impact on health or health care delivery three years from the award end date?</p> |
| Knowledge Mobilization | <p>To what extent does the proposal outline activities to mobilize project findings inside and outside of the research setting?</p> |

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| Sustainability | <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate that outcomes, including partner engagement, are likely to be sustained beyond the duration of award?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate consideration of funding sustainability beyond the duration of the award?</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

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| 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.