**ERG Research Grant Evaluation Criteria**

Each application will be evaluated based on six key criteria. Reviewers will assign a score from 1 to 5 for each criterion, where:

* 5 – Excellent: Fully meets or exceeds expectations
* 4 – Good: Meets most expectations with minor weaknesses
* 3 – Satisfactory: Acceptable but requires improvement
* 2 – Weak: Major weaknesses or gaps in explanation
* 1 – Poor: Fails to meet basic requirements

Evaluation Criteria (Maximum Score: 30)

| Criteria | Scoring Description | Score (1-5) |
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| A. Scientific Merit & Originality | Does the proposal address an important research question? Is it novel and innovative? |  |
| B. Clarity & Feasibility of Objectives | Are the objectives well-defined and realistic? Can the project be successfully completed within the grant period? |  |
| C. Methodology & Research Design | Is the methodology appropriate, clear, and feasible? Does it align with the research objectives? |  |
| D. Deliverables & Impact | Are the expected outcomes (e.g., publications, presentations) clearly defined and impactful? Does the project contribute to advancing knowledge or practice? |  |
| E. Budget Justification & Resource Allocation | Is the budget reasonable, well-justified, and aligned with project needs? |  |
| F. Overall Proposal Quality | Is the proposal well-organized, clearly written, and compelling? Does it demonstrate a strong case for funding? |  |

Final Scoring System

* Total Score = Sum of all six criteria (Maximum: 30)
* Higher-scoring applications will be prioritized for funding.

Additional Considerations

* Ethical Approval – If required, has the applicant planned for this?
* Feasibility within Funding Limits – Can the project be realistically completed with a $2,500 budget?
* Alignment with IADR ERG Mission – Does the research align with IADR ERG’s goals?

Selection Process

1. Initial Screening – Proposals missing essential elements (e.g., membership confirmation) are disqualified.
2. Independent Review – Each application is reviewed by at least two experts.
3. Final Decision – The highest-scoring applications are shortlisted for funding.