

Centre for Pathogen Genomics Seed Grant Scoring Rubric

Score	Scientific Quality (35%)	Innovation (15%)	Alignment with Centre Research Strategy (20%)	Collaboration (15%)	Feasibility (15%)
8-10	Exceptional hypothesis and study design that is extremely coherent and very well justified. No major scientific and/or technical weaknesses.	Highly innovative, significant shift from current approaches. Very high potential for significant impact.	Exceptionally well aligned with the Centre Research Strategy. Will build outstanding research capacity across Australia and the Asia Pacific region.	Very high potential to establish productive long-term partnerships with clear, impactful and credible strategic gains.	Project team possess outstanding expertise and has access to all essential technical resources required to successfully execute the project.
6-8	Strong hypothesis and study design that is highly coherent and well justified. Minor scientific and/or technical weaknesses.	Very innovative with considerable shift from current approaches. High potential for significant impact.	Very well aligned with the Centre Research Strategy. Will build excellent research capacity across Australia and the Asia Pacific.	High potential to establish productive partnerships with a pathway to impactful and credible strategic gains.	Project team possess excellent expertise and has access to all essential technical resources required to successfully execute the project.
4-6	Well supported hypothesis and study design that is coherent and justified. Minor scientific and/or technical weaknesses.	Moderately innovative with some shift from current approaches. Good potential for impact.	Well aligned with the Centre Research Strategy. Will build good research capacity across Australia and the Asia Pacific region.	Some potential to establish productive partnerships with a description of pathways to credible strategic gains.	Project team possess adequate expertise and has access to most essential technical resources required to successfully execute the project.
2-4	Acceptable hypothesis and study design that is generally clear. Some scientific and/or technical weaknesses.	Some innovation but limited shift from current approaches. Limited potential for impact.	Somewhat aligned with the Centre Research Strategy. Will build some research capacity across	Some potential for productive partnerships and strategic gains, but pathways to achieve	Project team possess some relevant expertise and has access to most of the essential technical resources required to

<2	Poorly defined hypothesis and study design. Major scientific and/or technical weaknesses.	Limited innovation with minimal shift from current approaches. Unlikely to have significant impact.	Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Poorly aligned with the Centre Research Strategy. Unlikely to build research capacity across Australia and the Asia Pacific region.	either or both somewhat unclear. Poorly described interactions with partners.	successfully execute the project. Project team lacks relevant expertise or access to the essential technical resources required to successfully execute the project.
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