

The MPS Foundation Full Application Criteria

Criteria	Applications that will score highly	Applications that will achieve a median score	Applications that will achieve a low score	Question Weighting
Alignment with MPS Foundation's Objectives, scope and priorities	Project strongly aligns to Foundation's scope and annual priorities and focus	Project aligns with scope of Foundation and is relevant to the annual priorities	Project does not align with Foundation's scope, priorities or focus	High
Professional Alignment	The project aligns with The MPS Foundation's particular area of interest	The project focus is aligned to the interest of MPS Members	Project focuses on professional areas of no relevance to MPS members	Median
Geographical alignment	The project focus is on a country relevant to MPS members		The project focus is on one country not relevant to MPS members	Low
Rationale & Feasibility	The project has: - clear rationale - well informed by literature - clear & feasible project plan - Applied research	The project has: - Clear rationale - Partially informed by literature - Clear and feasible project plan - New discovery research	The project has: - unclear rationale - Not informed by literature - unclear and/or unfeasible project plan	High
Team experience & background	Background in medical and/or dental research, specifically patient care risk management	Team has a background in research of 5 years plus	No background in research or medical and dentistry	Medium
Leadership Experience	Projects leadership experienced in leading research projects	Leadership experienced in leading projects and programmes	Leadership has been involved in research but not in a leadership position	Medium
Methodology and design	Research methodology is wholly appropriate for intended project and method of analysis is robust and rigorous	Research methodology is justified but not necessarily the best and approach to analysis could be more robust and rigorous	Research methodology and analysis is wholly inappropriate, lacks robustness and rigor.	Medium
Budget	Proposal within application criteria Budget clearly costed & appropriate	Proposal within application budget criteria Costs require greater clarity Budget for inappropriate items included	Outside of application budget criteria Costs unclear Budget includes a significant number of items that are inappropriate.	High
Innovation	Project focuses on new research	Project uses existing research but in a new context or is a literature review	Research is neither new nor original	Low
Ethical Approval	The application gives clear evidence as to: • Why ethical approval is not required, or • How ethical approval will be secured, or • Evidence that ethical approval has been achieved		No consideration is given to ethical approval of the project and no evidence provided.	High
Risk Management	The project has a clear risk register with a comprehensive understanding of the risks and a feasible mitigation plan for each of the risks	The project has a clear risk register with a good understanding of the risks. The mitigation plan needs development	The project has an unclear risk register with little understanding of the risks	Medium