

SAC Clinical Research Grant Submission Evaluation Rubric

To guide applicants in preparing their applications, below are the six key elements of the rubric used by the Clinical Research Grant Committee to evaluate submissions.

1. The research question / objective is clearly stated and justified with a compelling rationale.
2. The methodology is appropriate for the stated research question / objective.
3. The research question / objective has practical clinical applications.
4. There is evidence that the research will lead to increased research capacity (e.g., facilitate new engagement of clinicians in research, build independence of clinicians for conducting research in the future, and lead to more clinician-driven research in the future).
5. There is evidence of a strong research team: (a) Mentorship as demonstrated by engagement of the mentor(s) in their role mentoring the applicant and previous successful research experience of the mentor. (b) Evidence of strong research capacities of the applicant (and co-applicants) as demonstrated by the ability to bring together the necessary experience, skills and resources to conduct the project.
6. The budget and timeframe are clearly described and demonstrate that the research project is achievable within the costs, methods and timeframe projected / proposed.