

# SAC Clinical Research Grant Submission Evaluation Rubric

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

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1. The research question / objective is clearly stated.
2. A well-reasoned and supported rationale for conducting the project is provided with appropriate citations.
3. The methodology is appropriate for the stated research question / objective.
4. The authors identify practical clinical applications for their research.
5. 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).
6. 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 pertaining to the proposed project (e.g. peer-reviewed publications, scholarly presentations, grants). (b) Evidence of strong research capacities of the applicant (and co-applicants) as demonstrated by previous successful research experience (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, scholarly presentations, grants).
7. The budget and timeframe are clearly described and demonstrate that the research project is doable within the costs, methods and timeframe projected /proposed.