

Gold Coast Health Capacity and Collaboration Building Grant Assessment Rubric

Criterion	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3 and below* (grades 3,2,1)
1: Significance (20%)					
Significance	Provides an outstanding, strong and well-argued theoretical justification for the study, identifying relevant gaps in the literature and demonstrates how the research will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability or capacity or change practice.	Provides excellent theoretical justification for the study, identifying relevant gaps in literature. Detailed and clear explanation of how the research will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability or capacity or change practice is provided.	Provides a very good theoretical justification for the study, identifying relevant gaps in the literature. Clear explanation of how the research will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability or capacity or change practice is provided.	Provides a limited theoretical justification for the study, and clear gaps in the literature are not fully articulated. Limited explanation to how the research will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability or capacity or change practice is provided.	Weak theoretical justification for the study and does not demonstrate how this research extends what is known in this area. Scientific knowledge, technical capability or capacity or practice change resulting from this research is not well articulated.
2: Scientific quality and feasibility (30%)					
Scientific Quality	Clear research question, fully supported by the literature cited and strongly aligns with the study aim and overall methods. Provides an outstanding rationale and explanation of the proposed study methods, that are appropriate and feasible for the research question being proposed.	Clear research question, fully supported by the literature cited and aligns with the study aim and overall methods. Provides an excellent rationale and explanation of the study methods, that are appropriate and feasible for the research question being proposed.	Clear research question, mostly supported by the literature cited, aligns with the study aim and overall methods. Provides a very good rationale and explanation of the study methods, that are appropriate and feasible for the research question being proposed.	Research question is not fully supported through literature or is not well aligned with the study aim and methods. The rationale and explanation of the proposed study methods are insufficiently developed to assess their validity and appropriateness for the research question being proposed.	Unclear research question, not supported by literature, and does not align with the proposed study methods. Unclear rationale for the study methods, that are poorly developed, or do not appear to appropriate nor feasible.

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3: Research capability and capacity building (20%)					
Research capability and capacity building	Provides an outstanding, and detailed description of the demonstrated ability of the team to undertake the proposed study and the research environment, including infrastructure and resources, in which the team will be undertaking the research. A clear plan is presented for capacity building of a range of investigators with different levels of experience.	Provides an excellent and detailed description of the demonstrated ability of the team to undertake the proposed study and the research environment, including infrastructure and resources, in which the team will be undertaking the research. Provides a plan for capacity building of a range of investigators with different levels of experience.	Provides a very good description of the demonstrated ability of the team to undertake the proposed study. Lacks some detail on the research environment, including infrastructure and resources, in which the team will be undertaking the research, and the capacity building plan focuses on only the novice investigators.	Provides a good but brief description of the demonstrated ability of the team to undertake the proposed study. A limited plan is presented for capacity building of the novice investigator only	Poor description of the demonstrated ability of the team to undertake the proposed study. No clear plan is presented for capacity building of any investigators in the research team.
4: Collaboration and consumer engagement (15%)					
Collaboration and consumer engagement	Provides an outstanding and clear description of the contributions of collaborating organisations. A detailed plan of how investigators will be working together in undertaking this project, acknowledging the importance of multidisciplinary research. Has a detailed plan of how consumers will be meaningfully engaged in the development and/or conduct of the study.	Provides an excellent and clear description of the contributions of collaborating organisations. Includes a plan of how investigators will be working together in undertaking this project, acknowledging the importance of multidisciplinary research. Has a plan of how consumers will be meaningfully engaged in the development and/or conduct of the study.	Provides a very good description of the contributions of collaborating organisations. Includes a plan of how investigators will be working together in undertaking this project, but the investigator group would benefit from a more multidisciplinary membership. It has a plan of how consumers will be engaged in the development and/or conduct of the study.	Provides a good description of the contributions of collaborating organisations but lacks detail in parts. The plan of how investigators will be working together in undertaking this project is not fully clear. The team requires additional members to strengthen their ability to undertake the research. Consumer engagement is only as a study participant.	Contributions of collaborating organisations are not clearly described. There is no plan of how investigators will be working together in undertaking this project. Consumer engagement is not articulated.

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5: Impact for Gold Coast Health and beyond (15%)					
Impact for Gold Coast Health and beyond	The proposed study clearly and strongly aligns with the vision for Gold Coast Health (G28 Strategic Plan and Research Roadmap) and the purpose of the capacity and collaboration scheme. A detailed and clear dissemination plan for study results is provided and includes a clear explanation of how the research will result in impactful outcomes, including publication, support future grant applications, and form long-term collaboration.	The proposed study aligns with the vision for Gold Coast Health (G28 Strategic Plan and Research Roadmap) and the purpose of the capacity and collaboration scheme. A clear dissemination plan for study results is provided and includes an explanation of how the research will result in impactful outcomes, including publication, support future grant applications, and form long-term collaboration.	The proposed study appears to align with the vision for Gold Coast Health (G28 Strategic Plan and Research Roadmap) and the purpose of the capacity and collaboration scheme. A dissemination plan for study results is provided and includes a brief explanation of how the research will result in impactful outcomes that align with most of the target outcomes.	Alignment of the study with the vision for Gold Coast Health (G28 Strategic Plan and Research Roadmap) and the purpose of the scheme is provided in general terms. A brief dissemination plan for study results is provided. Limited and non-specific explanation of how research outcomes will be translated into practice or inform future research.	The alignment of the study with the vision for Gold Coast Health (G28 Strategic Plan and Research Roadmap) and the purpose of the scheme is not articulated. No dissemination plan for study results is provided. There is an unclear explanation of how research outcomes will be translated into practice or inform future research.

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