

IMPACT RATING SCALE:

In evaluating each application, panel members are required to use the following scale to assess the potential impact of the project. Each level has a number of characteristics, which are intended to help distinguish between levels of impact. A project does not need to have all the characteristics listed to be considered impactful, but the more characteristics a project has the higher score an application should receive.

Score	Impact Rating Scale <i>Levels of impact and their characteristics</i>	Priority for funding
4.2 – 5.0	Transformational Project exhibits at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transformative, paradigm-shifting research seeking to alter current research or clinical practice approaches ▪ High potential to address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field ▪ Potential for outcome of this research to make a significant impact beyond the specific field of the researcher ▪ High potential to contribute to the understanding of cancer and how to prevent it, treat it, or improve patient outcomes ▪ High potential of the work to change cancer research and/or cancer control 	High
3.6 – 4.1	Substantial Project exhibits at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderate potential to address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field ▪ Potential for outcome of this research to make a significant impact within the specific field of the researcher ▪ Moderate potential to contribute to the understanding of cancer and how to prevent it, treat it, or improve patient outcomes ▪ Moderate potential of the work to change cancer research and/or cancer control 	Medium
3.0 – 3.5	Limited Project exhibits at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low potential to address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field ▪ Low potential of the work to change cancer research and/or cancer control 	Low
Below 3.0	Research project is not considered impactful as it represents the next logical step or continuation of a previous project and an incremental advance upon published data and/or existing knowledge. The proposal is in need of further development before being competitive in this competition.	None
Unscored (mark as 0.01)	The application was triaged by the panel and not discussed. The weaknesses of the proposed research far outweigh the strengths and therefore there is low expectation of success.	None