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| **Exceptional** | The proposed research is *very relevant* to cancer. The impact of the Emerging Scholar Award on the applicant’s career development is clearly evident and transformational. The applicant’s commitment to mentorship is *exceptional*. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
  - The proposed work will make an *exceptional* scientific contribution to our understanding of cancer.  
  - The proposed work will *impact* cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches.  
  - The proposed work will *impact* the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.  
  - The proposed work will *significantly* address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | **High** |
| **Strong** | The proposed research is *relevant* to cancer. The impact of the Emerging Scholar Award on the applicant’s career development is *evident* and *significant*. The applicant’s commitment to mentorship is *strong*. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
  - The proposed work will make a *substantial* scientific contribution to our understanding of cancer.  
  - The proposed work will *improve* cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches.  
  - The proposed work will *improve* the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.  
  - The proposed work will *substantially* address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | **Medium** |
| **Moderate** | The proposed research is somewhat relevant to cancer. The impact of the Emerging Scholar Award on the applicant’s career development is *modest*. The applicant’s commitment to mentorship is *acceptable*. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
  - The proposed work will make a *scientific* contribution to our understanding of cancer.  
  - The proposed work will have *contribution* to cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches. | **Low** |
- The proposed work will have **contribution** to the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.
- The proposed work will **address** the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers.

| Insufficient | The proposed work is **not considered relevant** to cancer. Impact and importance of the Emerging Scholar Award on the applicant’s career development and their commitment to mentorship is **not evident**. | None |