

## CCS PARTNERSHIP RATING SCALE

In evaluating each application, panel members are required to use the following scale to assess the degree to which the CCS research, practice and policy partner(s) are appropriately integrated in, and working together on, the research project. Each level has a number of characteristics, which are intended to help distinguish between levels of partnership & integration. A project does not need to have all the characteristics listed for the partnership to be considered well integrated, but the more characteristics a project has the higher score an application should receive.

Score	<b>CCS Research, Practice &amp; Policy Partnership Rating Scale</b> <i>Levels and characteristics of the integration between researchers and CCS practice and policy partners</i>	Priority for funding
4.2 – 5.0	<b>High Level of Integration</b> Project exhibits three or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The investigator(s) and the CCS practice and policy partner(s) show a strong and clear commitment to the partnership</li> <li>▪ The purpose and intended outcomes of the proposed partnership are clearly defined</li> <li>▪ CCS partner(s) are very appropriate to fully participate in the research project</li> <li>▪ Roles, relationships, and responsibilities of the Investigator(s) and CCS partner(s) in the research project are clearly defined</li> <li>▪ Participation by the CCS partner(s) in all phases of the research project, as appropriate, is clearly described (e.g. formulating the research agenda, providing input into the development of the research questions, disseminating findings, informing the knowledge translation strategy, etc.)</li> </ul>	High
3.6 – 4.1	<b>Medium Level of Integration</b> Project exhibits two or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The investigator(s) and the CCS practice and policy partner(s) are committed to the partnership</li> <li>▪ The purpose and intended outcomes of the proposed partnership are described</li> <li>▪ CCS partner(s) are appropriate to participate in the research project</li> <li>▪ Roles, relationships, and responsibilities of the Investigator(s) and CCS partner(s) in the research project are described</li> </ul>	Medium
3.0 – 3.5	<b>Low Level of Integration</b> Project exhibits at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The investigator(s) and the CCS practice and policy partner(s) demonstrate some commitment to the partnership</li> <li>▪ The purpose and intended outcomes of the proposed partnership are mentioned</li> <li>▪ CCS partner(s) are somewhat appropriate to participate in the research project</li> </ul>	Low
Below 3.0	Research project shows very little to no evidence of CCS research, practice, and policy partner integration. The proposal is in need of further development before being competitive in this competition.	None
Unscored	The application was triaged by the panel and not discussed. The weaknesses of the proposed research partnership far outweigh the strengths and therefore there is low expectation of success.	None