



Pak-UK Education Gateway

INNOVATIVE & COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS (ICRG)

EVALUATION RUBRICS

Research Proposals under the **Innovative & Collaborative Research Grants (ICRG)** will be assessed by review panels/ expert evaluators based on the following **Evaluation Criteria**. The reviewers will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal against each criteria and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**. An overall score will also be assigned to the application on the grading scale:

Evaluation Criteria

Capacity and Commitment of PI (s) and Team Members:

- To what extent does the PI(s) and overall project team from Pakistan and UK has demonstrated ability, expertise and necessary skills to conduct the proposed research?
- To what extent the PI(s) has shown level of commitment and devoted significant time necessary for execution of the project?

Nature and Strength of Collaboration:

- To what extent the consortium (consisting of academic and sectoral collaborators from Pakistan and UK or a third country) have a well-defined roles, expertise and commitment to conduct the proposed activities?
- To what extent prospects for sustainable and long term collaboration exists after completion of the project?

Clear and Realistic Objectives:

- To what extent objectives of the project are clearly defined, measurable and achievable with in the project timeline?

Novelty and Originality :

- To what extent the proposed activity suggests and explores creative and original or potentially transformative concepts and approaches and demonstrates innovation potential for new products, services or business and organizational models?

Credibility of Design and Methodology and Approach:

- To what extent does the proposed methodology, strategies and approach are well-reasoned, well organized, and based on a sound rationale and clearly support attainment of the project objectives?
- To what extent key activities and procedures to complete the project are clearly articulated and reasonable?

- To what extent the resources assigned to the proposed work are in line with their objectives and deliverables?

Availability of Resources and Facilities:

- To what extent adequate resources (human, technical and other) are available to the PI(s) (either at the home institution or through collaboration) necessary to carry out the proposed activities in a timely manner?

Dissemination of Research Results:

- To what extent effective plan and mechanism have been identified and included in the project for dissemination of research results to the researchers, policy makers, and a broader range of relevant stakeholders (industry, government, community etc)

Budget Reasonability and Justification:

- To what extent the budget under each item is clearly outlined with sufficient details and justification and is reasonable to the proposed work?
- To what extent the cash or in-kind costs are clearly identified?

Potential Impact of the Project

- To what extent does the proposed research addresses important challenges related to the thematic area or bring important benefits to the society?
- To what extent output of the project would enhance innovation or address the industrial concerns through development of a new product/ prototype/ process or improve an existing product/process
- To what extent the proposed work enhance academia-industry / end user partnership?

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7- Outstanding	Exceptionally strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
6-Excellent	Very strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
5-Very Good	Very strong Proposal with minor weaknesses
4-Good	Strong proposal with minor weaknesses
3-Average	Proposal having some strengths but moderate weaknesses
2-Weak	Proposal having few strengths with major weaknesses
1-Poor	Proposal having very few strengths with numerous major weaknesses