

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Funding Program: Equipment & Infrastructure Support Fund

Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

Program Goal: To enable research institutions to purchase the equipment and tools required to conduct leading-edge research that advances knowledge and impact in one or more of ResearchNB’s priority sectors.

Criteria

The application will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Category	Assessment Questions
Relevance & Alignment	<p>To what extent does the proposal align with the objectives of this funding program?</p> <p>To what extent is the proposal relevant within the priority and/or enabling sector?</p>
Impact & Outcomes	<p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate how the requested equipment or infrastructure will help to support the goals of the research program?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposed equipment or infrastructure demonstrate potential to support research that will have meaningful impact for New Brunswick?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposed equipment or infrastructure provide the New Brunswick research facility with a competitive advantage that can support future research activities?</p>
Sustainability	<p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate how the equipment will be useful for other research groups or partner agencies?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate how the equipment or infrastructure will enable opportunities for future funding (i.e. non-academic applications, fee-for-</p>

	service work, or other work beyond the scope of the current project)?
Capacity & Feasibility	<p>To what extent does the PI provide evidence of relevant skills, experience, and resources to successfully leverage the equipment and deliver the program?</p> <p>To what extent is the requested equipment’s intended use demonstrably different from the capacity that already exists in the province?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To what extent does the PI demonstrate that the equipment purchase and/or reason for purchase is not duplicated by another team in the province?

Scoring Rubric

1	Does not satisfy the criterion
2	Partially satisfies the criterion
3	Satisfies the criterion
4	Strongly satisfies the criterion
5	Exceeds the criterion

Review & Scoring Processes

This funding program uses an expert level review. Expert level reviewers are external subject-matter experts and who hold at least a Master’s level degree or higher in their respective field.

Criteria will be scored using the above scoring rubric. Each reviewer’s scores are averaged across the evaluation criteria. Averaged scores will then be converted to T-scores. The final score for each application is the average T-score across all reviewers, which is then used to rank applications. T-Scores will be ranked in order from highest to lowest.