

EVALUATION CRITERIA



Funding Program: Dual-Use Technology Challenge

Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

Program Goal: ResearchNB Challenges Program aims to support research projects that align with evolving provincial or national priorities through dedicated funding and focused call for proposals. This Call for Proposals seeks to support New Brunswick researchers in the exploration of dual-use technologies for existing civilian and/or defense applications.

Criteria

The application will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Category	Assessment Questions
Relevance & Alignment	To what extent does the proposal demonstrate alignment with federal defense priorities? To what extent does the proposal demonstrate the application of its objective in the dual-use context?
Impact & Outcomes	To what extent does the proposal demonstrate the potential to drive economic development in New Brunswick? To what extent does the applicant demonstrate consideration of interdisciplinary perspectives in understanding the potential uses, users, and impacts of the proposed dual-use technology.
Knowledge Mobilization	To what extent does the proposal clearly identify a knowledge mobilization plan and articulate how their work will be transferred to relevant research users?
Sustainability	To what extent has a sustainability plan been described, and have critical partners been engaged to support and advance this work (as evidenced by agreements or letters of support)?



Capacity & Feasibility	To what extent does the proposal demonstrate the feasibility of the scientific method for the project proposed within the 18-month award timeframe? To what extent does the applicant and their team demonstrate relevant skills, experience, and resources to successfully deliver the project?
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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. The final score for each application is the average score across all reviewers, which is then used to rank applications.