

RBWH Foundation Research Grant – Scoring Criteria

Assessment Criteria and Scoring

1. Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Quality of Care Impact
- Evaluation Process
- Initiative Feasibility

2. Each criterion will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest score. Scores may be awarded in 0.5-point increments.

3. Scoring Guide:

- **5-4: Strong** – demonstrates a high level of quality and alignment with the criterion.
- **3-2: Satisfactory** – adequately addresses the criterion but with some limitations.
- **1: Poor** – does not sufficiently address the criterion.

	Clinical Impact and Implementation (40%)	Methodology (30%)	Project Feasibility (30%)
STRONG	Highly developed project with sustained benefit beyond the funding period (<i>irrespective of need for ongoing funding</i>). Well-articulated plan for translation into practice, with potential to change practice.	The project aims and research plan are: • Supported by a well-justified hypothesis/rationale. A focused, well-defined, and coherent study design.	Early Career Applicant: Evidence of excellent support (indicated through listed collaborators) with well-described mentorship. Experienced applicant: Strong research team without gaps in expertise.
	Addresses an important unmet clinical need, or well documented knowledge gap, for a cohort of patients treated through the Herston Health Precinct.	Well-identified and managed scientific and technical risks (including cross-departmental personnel if applicable).	Recruitment at RBWH and/or STARS is feasible (or strong evidence of access to retrospective data). The project is highly likely to be completed in 12 months ¹ .
	Strong evidence of engagement with patients, frontline clinicians and consumers.	Project is competitive with similar research proposals at the national level.	Comprehensive budget that aligns with the project proposal and has a clear justification for requested budget items.
SATISFACTORY	Clear potential for translation in clinical practice.	The project aims and research plan are: • Supported by a sound hypothesis/rationale. A logical and clear study design with several minor concerns.	Research team is generally strong, but with one clear gap in expertise.
	Builds on work in addressing an unmet clinical need, or knowledge gap for patients treated through the Herston Health Precinct.	Identified and managed scientific and technical risks, with minor concerns.	Recruitment at RBWH and/or STARS appears feasible (or evidence of access to retrospective patient data). The project is likely to be delivered in 12 months ¹ .
	Evidence of engagement with patients, or frontline clinicians and/or consumers.	Project could be competitive with other high quality similar proposals at a state level.	Appropriate budget that aligns with project proposal and is reasonably justified (e.g. with cost estimates and recent quotes).
POOR	No translational relevance or clinical impact.	The project aims and research plan are: • Supported by a weak hypothesis/rationale. Flawed study design with major concerns.	Feasibility of overall project is doubtful. Lack of support and gaps in expertise.
	Does not address an unmet need or identified knowledge gap at RBWH/STARS.	No evidence of identified and managed scientific and technical risks.	Recruitment at RBWH and/or STARS is doubtful. The project is unlikely to be delivered in 12 months.
	Little to no evidence of engagement with patients, frontline clinicians and consumers.	Project would not be competitive with similar research proposals at the local level.	An inappropriate budget that does not align with the project proposal.

¹ Project Commencement is effective as of when the RBWH Foundation receives evidence of all required ethics and governance approvals