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# Grant Application Cycle

Schemes close

Applications assigned

Initial assessment  
(primary spokesperson & external assessors)

Applicant response

Peer Review by Grant Review Panel

Approval Processes

**Announcement by Minister**

*Applicants notified of Funding Scheme  
outcomes*

Peer Review



# Background: Assessment Criteria & Scoring Categories

1. Scientific Quality (50%)
2. Significance and/or Innovation (25%)
3. Track Record – relative to opportunity (25%)

7 – Outstanding by International Standards

6 – Excellent

5 – Very Good

4 – Good

3 – Marginal

2 – Unsatisfactory

1 – Poor



# Clarity of Purpose and Readability



## Setting the scene: general pointers

- Read the funding rules (check for eligibility issues)
- Read the selection criteria carefully and address those in your application
- CV & Profile up to date (in RGMS)
- Know your audience



# Significance and/or Innovation



## Novelty

- *What is novel about your research?*

## Significance

- *How significant is the proposed study?*
- *How will it make a difference and can you demonstrate this?*



# Research Goals & Feasibility



**Ambitious goals**

**Feasibility considerations**

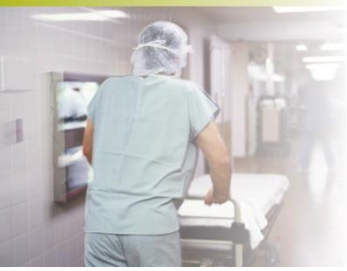


# Track Record and Progress Reports



## Track Record considerations:

- Include well constructed progress reports on previous grants
- Track record is considered “relative to opportunity”
- International benchmarking

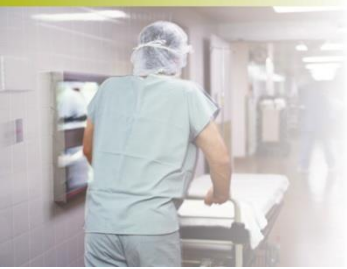


# Applicant Response



- Use the opportunity to respond, even if the review is positive
- Keep your response professional





# Summary



- Use every opportunity throughout the review process to demonstrate why your proposal should be funded
  - *The application*
  - *Assessor reports*
  - *Applicant response*

GOOD LUCK !

# Questions?

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