**Deakin University – Internal Assessment and Score Sheet**

**Discovery Projects 2019**

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| **Lead CI Name** |  |
| **Application Title** |  |
| **Assessor Name** |  |

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Using the selection criteria and their relative weightings, please read, assess and complete the ‘SCORES’ and ‘SELECTION CRITERIA COMMENTS’ tables and provide constructive feedback.
2. Return the assessment scoresheets to [research-grants@deakin.edu.au](mailto:research-grants@deakin.edu.au)

The aim of the assessment is NOT to prevent an application from being submitted rather it is to provide grantsmanship and/or constructive comments that an applicant can incorporate to strengthen their application and to score applications against selection criteria in order to determine (once actual outcomes are known) whether we need to build assessor skills in accurately determining the calibre/competitiveness of grant applications.

Deakin Research – Grants will record your scores but remove these before comments are sent to the applicant.

**RATING SCALE**

Please use the following Rating Scale when assessing proposals for these schemes.

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| **Scoring Band** | **Criteria** | **Recommendation** |
| **A** | **Outstanding:** Of the highest quality and at the forefront of research activity. Approximately 10% of Proposals should receive ratings in this band. | **Recommended unconditionally** |
| **B** | **Excellent:** Of high quality and strongly competitive. Approximately 15% of Proposals should receive ratings in this band. | **Strongly support recommendation of funding** |
| **C** | **Very Good:** Interesting, sound and compelling. Approximately 20% of Proposals should receive ratings in this band. | **Support recommendation of funding with reservation** |
| **D** | **Good:** Sound, but lacks a compelling element. Approximately 35% of Proposals are likely to fall into this band. | **Unsupportive of recommendation for funding** |
| **E** | **Uncompetitive:** Uncompetitive and has significant weaknesses or more fatal flaws. Approximately 20% of Proposals are likely to fall into this band. | **Not recommended for funding** |

**SCORES**

MANDATORY: Provide your name and scores (A - E) against each selection criteria.

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| **Selection Criteria** | **Investigator(s) - 35%** | **Project Quality and Innov. - 40%** | **Feasibility - 10%** | **Benefit - 15%** |
| Score (A - E) |  |  |  |  |

**SELECTION CRITERIA COMMENTS**

Provide comments and constructive feedback against each selection criteria

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| **Selection Criteria** | **Comments** |
| **a. Investigator(s) - 35%**  - Research opportunity and performance evidence (ROPE); and  - Time and capacity to undertake the proposed research. |  |
| **b. Project Quality and Innovation - 40%**  - Does the research address a significant problem?  - Is the conceptual/theoretical framework innovative and original?  - What is the potential for the research to contribute to the Science and Research Priorities?  - Will the aims, concepts, methods and results advance knowledge?  - What is the potential for the research to enhance international collaboration?  - Are there adequate strategies to encourage dissemination, commercialisation, if appropriate; and promotion of research outcomes? |  |
| **c. Feasibility - 10%**    - Do the Project’s design, participants and requested budget create confidence in the timely and successful completion of the Project?  - Is there an existing, or developing, supportive and high quality environment for this Project and for Higher Degree by Research students where appropriate?  - Are the necessary facilities available to complete the Project? |  |
| **d. Benefit - 15%**  - Will the completed Project produce significant new knowledge and/or innovative economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefit to the Australian and international community?  - Will the proposed research be cost-effective and value for money? |  |
| **Improvements** |  |
| **Comments** |  |