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Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Guidelines

All proposals passing the desk review will proceed to further evaluation. The evaluation for technical quality and research funding will be conducted in three steps:

- Independent Review: 70%
- Oral Presentation: 15%
- Publication Track Record: 15%

A	Publication (Last 5 years, Principal applicant only, Full marks 15)	First / Corresponding author score (a)		Coauthor score (b)	
		Score per unit	Total	Score per unit	Total
1	Nature indexed	7		3.5	
2	Scimago Q1	6		3	
3	Scimago Q2	5		2.5	
4	Scimago Q3	4		2	
5	Scimago Q4	3		1.5	
6	Peer reviewed & internationally indexed	2		1	
7	Professional journals with ISSN	1		0.5	
			Total (a)	Total (b)	
Publication score A (A= a+b)			(The maximum allowable score is 15)		
B	Proposal Evaluation (Independent Review)	Marks			
1	Title	2			
2	Abstract	3			
3	Background of the study	5			
4	Literature review (Appropriateness and sufficiency of references)	10			
5	Research gap / Problem / Rationale	5			
6	Hypothesis	2			
7	Objectives	3			
8	Methodology (Research design, Study area, Tools & Techniques, and Data analysis strategy)	16			
9	Expected outcome of the Research	4			
10	Application of the proposed research	4			
11	Relevance to the UN Sustainable Development Goals	2			
12	English language quality: grammar, structure, coherence, & clarity	4			
13	Originality of the concept and content	3			
14	Feasibility of the project	2			
15	Deliverable of the research project	2			
16	Project planning and milestones	2			
17	Budget distribution plan	1			
Proposal score (B)		70 (full marks)			
Pass Marks for B		35			

C Proposal presentation (Full marks 15)	Marks
1 Clarity of concept and content	7
2 Fluency and timing of presentation	3
3 Response to questions	5
Presentation score (C)	15 (full marks)
Full Mark (A+B+C)	100 (15+70+15)
Pass Mark	50 (aggregate A+B+C)
Total score (A+B+C)	

Note:

All proposals will be evaluated anonymously, with any plagiarism leading to immediate disqualification. The evaluation criteria have been established in accordance with the university's PURC guidelines.