

## WUN Research Development Fund – Scoring Guidelines for Assessors

Each RDF application will be awarded a total score out of **100**, based on the following criteria:

### Global Challenge Steering Group Review

Each Global Challenge Steering Group Chair will be asked to assess the RDF applications in their category. It is at the Global Challenge Steering Group Chair's discretion on how they seek the input and advice of the experts on their Steering Group but a single overall score will be provided by the Chair.

Note that the Partnership Board has asked for some flexibility when excellent applications are presented that are broadly linked to the Global Challenges, especially when these bring in new expertise from new partners.

This will provide a sub-total score out of **40**.

### Academic Advisory Group Review

As in previous years, each RDF application will be reviewed by two members of the AAG. AAG reviewers will never review an application led by their own university and efforts will be made that applications are assigned for review based on the reviewer's general area of expertise, though this may not always be possible.

Each reviewer will provide a total score per application out of 30 based on the following criteria:

- **Objectives** – Will the program help develop a sustainable cooperative international research activity of a high academic quality? How well does the program address a novel research problem or take an existing WUN research program in a significantly new direction? Is the program likely to have significant impact? Is it interdisciplinary? Is it international in scope? **A score out of 5.**
- **Relevance to WUN goals** – Does the program align with WUN strategic objectives? How well does the program address the WUN Global Challenge? **A score out of 5.**
- **Sustainability** – Does the program have the potential to build sustainable long term international relationships? Does the submission articulate clear, realistic and well-considered plans to attract external funding (outside WUN and the member universities) commensurate with team needs for future collaboration? Is genuine commitment demonstrated by all WUN partners? **A score out of 5.**
- **Teamwork** - Does the program incorporate the right mix of researchers across a relevant range of disciplines and regions? Is the leadership of the program in place to deliver on anticipated outcomes? Does the program foster the next generation of researchers by including early-career researchers and PhD students? **A score out of 5.**
- **Outcomes** – Does the submission articulate clear, realistic and well-considered outcomes in terms of securing funding for continued research cooperation, academic publications, policy input etc? **A score out of 10.**

Each AAG reviewer provides a total score out of **30**. With 2 reviewers, this provides a sub-total score out of **60**.

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All review scores will be compiled by the WUN Secretariat to culminate in a total score out of 100. Any application that receives a score deviance of more than 7 points between the two assessors at the AAG review, will undergo a third review by a panel made up of the WUN Chief Executive, General Manager and AAG Chair.

Funding will be allocated to the highest scoring applications until the total funding pool has been exhausted.