

Dimension	% Weighting	Evaluation criteria							
Relevance to the objectives	20	Strong alignments to the focus areas of safety, quality or professionalism and rational and credible explanation of how the project will enhance these areas. Clearly addresses at least one of the specific domains of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • Effectiveness • Patient-centredness • Timeliness • Efficiency • Equity Or is specifically about professionalism or leadership in medicine.	15-20	Moderate alignment to the focus areas of either safety, quality or professionalism and reasonable explanation of how the project will enhance these areas. Somewhat related to at least one of the specific domains, professionalism or leadership in medicine.	9-14	Minimal alignment to the focus areas of either safety, quality or professionalism. Tenuous relationship between the project and the specific domains or professionalism.	4-8	No alignment to the focus areas of either safety, quality or professionalism. Does not fall within the specific domains or professionalism.	0-3
Relevance to the priority research topics	10	Project is strongly aligned to one or more of the research priorities.	8-10	Project has some alignment to the specific research priorities.	5-7	There is only a tenuous alignment between the project and the specific research priorities.	1-4	The project is not at all aligned with the specific research priorities.	0
Project type	15	Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic research focused on quality, safety and professionalism in medicine Quality improvement projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned to the established dimensions of quality, provide sustainable changes to practice and are scalable to environments beyond the setting in which the project has been completed. Leadership programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs to improve leadership capability in quality and safety in medicine. Education initiatives focusing on quality, safety and professionalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education programs focused on developing skills in quality, safety and professionalism. 		Project is somewhat related to a preferred project type.	1-8	Project does not fall within a preferred project type.	0		
Leadership and project team experience	20	Highly successful track record of project leadership experience in the fields of safety, quality or professionalism in the practice of medicine with demonstrated outcomes experience.	15-20	Moderate track record of project leadership experience in the fields of safety, quality or professionalism in the practice of medicine with demonstrated outcomes experience.	9-14	Some track record of project leadership experience in the fields of safety, quality or professionalism in the practice of medicine outcomes experience.	4-8	No track record of project leadership experience in the fields of safety, quality or professionalism in the practice of medicine.	0-3
Project rationale and feasibility	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear rationale • Well informed by literature • Clear and feasible project plan using known quality and safety methods • Novel project 	8-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear rationale • Partially informed by literature • Clear and feasible project plan • May be novel 	5-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear rationale • Partially informed by literature • Lack of clarity and feasibility in project plan • Not novel 	2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear rationale • Not adequately informed by literature • No clear and feasible project plan • Not novel 	0-1
Project methodology and design	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate intervention plan • Appropriate outcomes measures and analysis 	8-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somewhat appropriate intervention plan • Generally appropriate outcomes measures and analysis 	5-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionable intervention plan • Questionable outcomes measure and analysis 	2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No intervention plan • No outcomes measure and analysis 	0-1
Indicative budget	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls within specified range • Appears reasonable for the project proposed 	9-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls within specified range • May not be reasonable for the project proposed 	1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls outside the specified range 	0		