**EVALUATION BY HOST INSTITUTION’S IEO**

The innovation and enterprise office (IEO)[[1]](#footnote-1) is required to provide their assessment and endorse proposals which satisfy the criteria indicated in Annex A.

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| **Criteria** | **Comments** |
| **Project Scope** |  |
| **Commercialisation potential** |  |
| **Team** |  |
| **Technical Innovation** |  |
| **Institutional Support** |  |

**Additional Remarks (if any):**

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**Endorsement by IEO:**

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Signature/ Name/ Designation Date of Endorsement

**Annex A**

**Evaluation Criteria**

| **Criteria** | **Guiding Questions** |
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| Project Scope | * Does the project fit the scope and time-frame of a Central Gap Project? * Does the expected impact of the project accrue socioeconomic benefits to Singapore? * Is the project in an area where Singapore has or could have a competitive advantage, or where there is a national need or challenge? * Is the expected impact and/or deliverables of the project commensurate with the requested funding? * Are the proposed deliverables and milestones commensurate with the expected impact? |
| Commercialisation Potential | * Does the project address an important unmet need? * Does the proposed technology have a sustainable competitive advantage against competing patents/ research labs/products/ companies? * What is the addressable market size? * Does the project have a viable business model (licensing, spin-offs, co-development, etc)? Does the project have a clear market development roadmap? What are the possible barriers to entry? * What is the time to market? Is the project sustainable e.g. plans have been made for long term funding beyond the Central Gap? * What is the manufacturability/scalability of the technology? How easy is it to scale up the technology for mass production? * Is there interest from potential customers? |
| Team | * Does the team have the necessary technical, business management and development expertise and resources? * Does the team have key/potential partnerships (collaborators from industry etc) that will enable faster development of the technology and shorten the time to market? |
| Technical Innovation | * What is the current Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of the proposed technology? What TRL would the team like to advance the proposed technology to with the Central Gap? * Is the proposed approach unique, innovative and disruptive? * Is the proposed approach technically sound? * Does it have a clear technology development roadmap? * What is the IP position/strategy of the technology? |
| Institutional Support | * Are there programmes & infrastructure available at the Host Institution or collaborators to adequately support the project? |

1. An IEO here refers to an office that takes on technology transfer and commercialization functions, as well as education and training for such professionals, for the Host Institution. The office of the Director of Research or its equivalent can also be designated to take on the role of an IEO for the purposes of Central Gap Projects, subject to NRF’s approval. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)