

WQRA Project Selection Criteria

CRITERIA	SCORE (1 = Low, 5 = High)
1. Mandatory Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal submitted using the template format - Budget provided in required format (including Excel template) 	Yes/no
2. WQRA Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the proponent a WQRA financial member? - Does the project meet the definition of R&D? - Does the project meet WQRA company objectives and WQRA priority research issues? - Does the project address a priority knowledge gap? - Does the project identify potential IP, including background IP, and describe a mechanism to capture IP (if applicable)? - Does the project require ethical considerations? 	Yes/no
3. Project Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the project work new and/or novel? - Has the existing knowledge/work been adequately described? - Do the project outcomes address specific gaps in the existing knowledge? - Does the project describe the scale and extent of the issue to the industry? - Does the project clearly define the objectives, project plan, methodology, budget and deliverables? - Are there sufficient go/no go points within the project plan? - Are the timelines for milestone deliveries reasonable and achievable? - Is there a reasonable likelihood of success? 	1 to 5
4. Research Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the methodology appropriate to answer the research question and investigate test results? - Is the project methodology technically robust? 	1 to 5
5. Capability and capacity to deliver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the project leader/team have an on-time/within budget delivery record? - Does the project team possess the right mix of skills and expertise? - Are there enough resources in the project plan to complete the project within the proposed timeframe? - Does the project link with other researchers/industry as appropriate to ensure the project is successful? 	1 to 5
6. Likelihood of success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any technical or other issues that are likely to affect the success of this project? - Consider availability of key personnel and equipment. - Consider likelihood of implementation. 	1 to 5
7. Value for Money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the project plan consider potential negative environmental, social and economic impacts? - Is the proposed budget consistent with the tasks proposed in the project work plan and description? - Is the project value-for-money in the context of the WQRA investment? - Does the funding ratio align with the type of WQRA project (i.e. core, special interest or project specific funding)? 	1 to 5
8. Technology Transfer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the project clearly identify the key mechanisms and forums to disseminate the research outcomes to WQRA and its members? 	1 to 5
9. Portfolio balance	Assessed by WQRA Project Review Committee