

Topic: Is the research topic exciting and timely such that funding opportunities likely exist for continued studies?

Grade	Rationale
4	Yes; there is a strong case that the collaboration will likely seed future funding.
3	Somewhat; the topic is exciting, but it is not clear that there are opportunities for future funding.
2	Unlikely; the topic is not particularly novel and funding opportunities are likely rare.
1	No; the topic is incremental, and future funding opportunities are not discussed.

Collaborative nature: Does the project bring together complementary expertise that is essential for success?

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4	Yes; the expertise is clear and each of the 3-5 groups contribute unique and valuable tools to the project.
3	Somewhat; there is some overlap between two groups but otherwise, there is distinction in expertise
2	Unlikely; there is one group with unique contributions, but the other 2-4 groups overlap.
1	No; all groups overlap in expertise and contributions; or, the proposal does not address if there is complementary expertise.

Coordination and PIs: Are the groups qualified for the project, and is there evidence of effective leadership/coordination to ensure success?

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4	Yes; there is a plan for communication and sharing of results, and responsibilities are divided appropriately.
3	Somewhat; there is a track record of successful collaborations for some members of the team, but it is not clear if the proposed team is wholly integrated.
2	Unlikely; the collaboration appears to exist in name only, with minimal attention to coordination.
1	No; the proposal does not address methods to ensure collaborative success.