

SEED FUNDING SCORING MATRIX

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<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Outstanding by International Standards</p>	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is without question, highly feasible given that all the required expertise and research tools and techniques are present in the relevant research environment(s) is highly likely to be completed within a 6- to 12-month timeline <p>The proposed research that will result from successful completion of seed funding activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has objectives that are well-defined, extremely coherent, and strongly developed has a flawless design and approach has current gaps in knowledge and/or capability are clearly defined, and the proposed seed funding activities clearly address these 	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will result in a highly significant advance in knowledge in this field which addresses an issue of great importance to human health will translate into fundamental outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine or public health, or fundamental changes in health policy will very likely be the subject of invited plenary presentations at national and international meetings will likely result in highly influential publications demonstrates a collaboration and research plan that is highly likely to result in future research opportunities (e.g., competitive funding, supervision, translation, policy) has a very clear contribution to one or more of the Wesfarmers Centre objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Infections: reducing the burden of childhood infections Aboriginal Health: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage Global Public Health: promoting health through research and partnerships <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates extremely innovative project aims will use very advanced approaches that will optimise outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA demonstrates a very strong capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims The applicant team overall has exceptional capability to execute the project and deliver outcomes <p>Builds capacity, e.g., by one or more of the following. The planned research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is expected to develop students or early-career researchers or Aboriginal researchers is led by an early- or mid-career researcher with demonstrated upward trajectory involves external collaboration with individuals who bring exceptional expertise not otherwise available within the Centre and in a field of high strategic value involves the development of a research platform of high value to the Centre beyond the immediate value to this project will build strong track record of the Centre in a subject area of high strategic value includes internationally renowned scientists and/or clinicians whose partnership is expected to lead to significant new international collaborations for the Centre and/or the Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant team demonstrates excellent contribution to the Centre 	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has been conceived and driven OR endorsed by members of the community has been workshopped and endorsed by relevant clinical or policy stakeholders has been appraised and is supported by research peers planning has involved a clearly identified consumer and/or community group includes at least one consumer and/or community member with lived experience directly involved in the implementation of the study. has clearly articulated pathway for translation of grant findings (e.g., into policy, practice, etc.) for research being conducted specifically within Aboriginal populations, an Aboriginal community member OR the WCVID Aboriginal Cultural Advisor OR Telethon Kids Institute Kulunga unit has been consulted has an appropriate budget for involvement activities

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<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Excellent</p>	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has objectives that are well-defined, highly coherent, and strongly developed is well designed is highly feasible given the experience, skills, and readiness of the team in the relevant research environment(s) is likely to be completed within a 6- to 12-month timeline <p>The proposed research that will result from successful completion of seed funding activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has objectives that are well-defined and very highly coherent has an outstanding design and approach with a minor weakness has current gaps in knowledge and/or capability defined, and proposed seed funding activities address these 	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will result in a significant advance in knowledge in this field which addresses an issue of significant importance to human health is likely to translate into fundamental outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine, public health, or provide fundamental changes in health policy will likely be the subject of invited plenary presentations at national and international meetings will likely result in influential publications demonstrates a collaboration and research plan that is likely to result in future research opportunities has a very clear contribution to one or more of the Wesfarmers Centre objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Infections: reducing the burden of childhood infections Aboriginal Health: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage Global Public Health: promoting health through research and partnerships <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates very highly innovative project aims will use advanced approaches to enhance outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA demonstrates a strong capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims The applicant team overall has outstanding capability to execute the project and deliver outcomes <p>Builds capacity, e.g., by one or more of the following. The planned research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is likely to develop students or early career researchers or Aboriginal researchers is led by an early- or mid-career researcher with demonstrated upward trajectory involves external collaboration with individuals who bring strong expertise not otherwise available within the Centre and in a field of high strategic value involves the development of a research platform of value to the Centre beyond the immediate value to this project will build track record of the Centre in a subject area of high strategic value includes internationally regarded scientists and/or clinicians whose partnership is likely to lead to significant new international collaborations for the Centre and/or the Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant team demonstrates very good contribution to the Centre 	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is highly responsive to research priorities articulated by the community and/or stakeholders has undergone community consultation and the project is supported by members of the community has been workshopped and supported by relevant clinical or policy stakeholders has been appraised by research peers has a plan for ongoing involvement with a consumer and/or community group that demonstrates lived experience OR has developed comprehensive strategies for confirming ongoing involvement with a consumer and/or community group that demonstrates lived experience. has an articulated pathway for translation of grant findings (e.g., into policy, practice, etc.) for research being conducted specifically within Aboriginal populations, an Aboriginal community member OR the WCVID Aboriginal Cultural Advisor OR Telethon Kids Institute Kulunga unit has been consulted has an appropriate budget for involvement activities
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Very good</p>	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is very clear in its scientific approach and is logical raises a few minor concerns with respect to the study design is feasible, with all required techniques and tools either established or nearly established in the relevant research environment(s) is likely to be completed within a 6- to 12-month timeline <p>The proposed research that will result from successful completion of seed funding activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has objectives that are well-defined and highly coherent has an excellent design and approach with a few minor weaknesses has current gaps in knowledge and/or capability defined, and proposed seed funding activities address these 	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will advance knowledge in this field that addresses an issue of importance to human health may translate into fundamental outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine, public health could be the subject of invited plenary presentations at international and national meetings is likely to result in some very strong publications demonstrates a collaboration and research plan that may result in future research opportunities has a clear contribution to one or more of the Wesfarmers Centre objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Infections: reducing the burden of childhood infections Aboriginal Health: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage Global Public Health: promoting health through research and partnerships <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates highly innovative project aims will use strong approaches to good effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA demonstrates a good capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims The applicant team overall has excellent capability to execute the project and deliver outcomes <p>Builds capacity, e.g., by one or more of the following. The planned research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is likely to develop students or early career researchers or Aboriginal researchers involves external collaboration with individuals who bring expertise not otherwise available within the Centre involves the development of a research platform of value to the Centre beyond the immediate value to this project will build track record of the Centre in a subject area of strategic value includes nationally regarded scientists and/or clinicians whose partnership is expected to lead to significant new national collaborations for the Centre and/or the Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant team demonstrates good contribution to the Centre 	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is responsive to research priorities articulated by the community and/or stakeholders has undergone community consultation has been workshopped with relevant clinical or policy stakeholders has been appraised by research peers has a plan for ongoing involvement with a consumer and/or community group OR has developed good strategies for confirming ongoing involvement with a consumer and/or community group has an articulated pathway for translation of grant findings (e.g., into policy, practice, etc.) has a budget for involvement activities

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<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good</p>	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has clear objectives raises several concerns regarding the study design is generally feasible, although some concerns exist about the on-going need to develop or obtain some research tools or techniques is unlikely to be completed within a 6- to 12-month timeline <p>The proposed research that will result from successful completion of seed funding activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has objectives that are well-developed and coherent has a very good design and approach with several minor concerns the current gaps in knowledge and/or capability require further definition 	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses an issue of importance to human health could translate into fundamental outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine, public health is unlikely to be the subject of invited plenary presentations at international meetings may result in some good but not excellent publications demonstrates a collaboration and research plan that might result in future research opportunities contributes to one or more of the Wesfarmers Centre objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Infections: reducing the burden of childhood infections Aboriginal Health: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage Global Public Health: promoting health through research and partnerships <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates innovative project aims will use standard approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA demonstrates capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims The applicant team overall has very good capability to execute the project and deliver outcomes <p>Builds capacity, e.g., by one or more of the following. The planned research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> may develop students or early career researchers or Aboriginal researchers involves external collaboration with individuals who bring expertise available within the Centre may develop a research platform of value to the Centre beyond the immediate value to this project will build some track record of the Centre in a subject area of strategic value includes nationally regarded scientists and/or clinicians whose partnership is likely to lead to significant new national collaborations for the Centre and/or the Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant team demonstrates contribution to the Centre 	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is likely to align with research priorities of value to community and/or stakeholders has a clear plan for future involvement of members of the community has a clear plan for future involvement of relevant clinical or policy stakeholders has a clear plan for future involvement of research peers has a pathway for translation of grant findings (e.g., into policy, practice, etc.) has a budget for involvement activities
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marginal</p>	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is somewhat unclear in its scientific approach and goals raises major concerns regarding the study design raises several concerns about the feasibility and thus the likelihood of successful completion' is unlikely to be completed within a 6- to 12-month timeline <p>The proposed research that will result from successful completion of seed funding activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has objectives that are logical generally clear design and approach with more than a few minor concerns 	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses an issue of some importance to human health is unlikely to translate into fundamental outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine, public health is unlikely to be the subject of invited plenary presentations at international meetings may result in some publications demonstrates a collaboration and research plan that might result in future research opportunities has an unclear contribution to one or more of the Wesfarmers Centre objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Infections: reducing the burden of childhood infections Aboriginal Health: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage Global Public Health: promoting health through research and partnerships <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates some innovative project aims will use standard approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA demonstrates some capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims The applicant team overall has good capability to execute the project and deliver outcomes <p>Builds capacity, e.g., by one or more of the following. The planned research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is unlikely to develop students or early career researchers or Aboriginal researchers involves some external collaboration unlikely to develop a research platform of value to the Centre beyond the immediate value to this project will build some track record of the Centre in a subject area of some value includes internationally or nationally renowned scientists and/or clinicians but fails to outline how this will benefit the Centre and/or the Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant team demonstrates some contribution to the Centre 	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> may align with research priorities of some value to community and/or stakeholders has some plan for future involvement of members of the community has some plan for future involvement of relevant clinical or policy stakeholders has some plan for future involvement of research peers may develop a pathway for translation of grant findings (e.g., into policy, practice, etc.) may have a budget for involvement activities

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<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Poor</p>	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is unclear in its scientific approach and has no goals contains major study design flaws does not seem to be feasible and is unlikely to be successfully completed is unlikely to be completed within a 6- to 12-month timeline <p>The proposed research that will result from successful completion of seed funding activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> design and approach have significant flaws and may contain several major weaknesses 	<p>The proposal will lead to research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not address an issue of more than marginal concern to human health will not advance current knowledge in the field will not translate into fundamental outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine, public health will not result in any publications has no evidence of a collaboration and research plan that will result in future research opportunities does not contribute to any of the Wesfarmers Centre objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Infections: reducing the burden of childhood infections Aboriginal Health: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage Global Public Health: promoting health through research and partnerships <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not demonstrate innovative project aims follows well-documented and studied concepts or well-used approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA does not demonstrate capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims The applicant team overall does not demonstrate capability to execute the project and deliver outcomes <p>Builds capacity, e.g., by one or more of the following. The planned research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> does not develop students or early career researchers or Aboriginal researchers involves no external collaboration does not develop a research platform of value to the Centre will not build track record of the Centre in an area of value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant team does not demonstrate contribution to the Centre 	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not align with community and/or stakeholder research priorities has no plan for future involvement of members of the community has no plan for future involvement of relevant clinical or policy stakeholders has no plan for future involvement of research peers has no clear pathway for translation of grant findings (e.g., into policy, practice, etc.) does not have a budget for involvement activities