

# CANADIAN DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION

## 2024 High Impact Grant for Research in Inflammatory Skin Diseases.

Each projects will be ranked in 4 domains using the following scale:

	Range	Range Descriptors	Definition
Fundable	4.5-4.9	Outstanding	The application excels in most or all relevant aspects. Any shortcomings are minimal. Application is innovative, fills an important critical gap in knowledge, has very few flaws, and the investigators are well poised to perform the research and have a very productive track record.
	4.0-4.4	Excellent	The application excels in many relevant aspects, and reasonably addresses all others. Certain improvements are possible. Application is very interesting, makes important advances, the team is excellent, but there are some minor limitations that need to be addressed or a clear description of impact is missing.
	3.5-3.9	Good	The application excels in some relevant aspects, and reasonably addresses all others. Some improvements are necessary. Application is compelling, but has limited scope or impact, and/or raised some concerns about the feasibility and/or team; or in other words, the grant has strengths, but needs work.
Seldom Funded	3.0-3.4	Fair	The application broadly addresses relevant aspects. Major revisions are required. Application has merits but also has many limitations.
Not fundable	0.0-2.9	Poor	The application fails to provide convincing information and/or has serious inherent flaws or gaps.

The average of those 4 scores will determine the final score.

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### CRITERION 1: OVERALL PLAN and IMPACT

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**Objectives:** Are these stated clearly and precisely so that the research objective can be met?

**Impact:** How impactful is the proposal? Is it a minimal addition to knowledge, an expansion of a current concept or does it represent a major new direction? Are the results likely to influence future research and/or impact patient care?

**Feasibility:** Is this a mature, well – developed proposal with compelling preliminary data?  
Is this project likely to be completed within a frame of 1-2 years?

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### CRITERION 2: STUDY DESIGN

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**Sample representation:** Is the study sample truly representative of the group from which it is drawn (study population)? What is the sampling method? Is there any bias? Is the sample size adequate?

**Control Groups:** Are the control groups truly adequate in relation to matched criteria?

**Measurements:** How reproducible is the methodology? Is there some method of standardization of the observations? Test specificity and sensitivity discussed?

**Back-up Experiments:** Are there alternative approaches outlined should the first choice of experiments prove unworkable or yield ambiguous results?

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**CRITERION 3: INVESTIGATORS & CO-INVESTIGATORS**

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Based on the investigator's training, past experience and published work, is it likely that they will be able to carry the project through to a satisfactory conclusion within a short time frame? Does the research team have a track record of success? Do they have record of publications in high-impact journals?

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**CRITERION 4: BUDGET**

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Rate the budget. It should be realistic. If "padding" exists, please comment. Should anything be deleted? Is there anything that might need to be added?

Please, note that additional funding will be available for knowledge dissemination.