



Grading Criteria for AHPA Clinical Innovation Award Applications

Addresses an important Need

- Does the innovation address an important need for which patients, people with arthritis or health professionals still experience problems?
- Will it have an important impact?

Originality

- High Rating - Is the innovation original and novel? Is the innovation unlike anything that has been done elsewhere?
- Medium Rating - Has the innovation been adapted from ideas tried in other patient populations?
- Low – Medium Rating - Is the innovation new to Canada or a given province but has been implemented/tested in other countries or provinces?

Scientific Merit

- Is the idea sound? Is the project clearly described (i.e. target audience identified, aim/purpose provided).
- Has it been pilot tested or evaluated?

Style

- Sentences are clear and varied.
- Diction is precise and appropriate.
- Tone is appropriate for topic and audience.

Please note that this should serve as a guide only. Although the grading committee uses the above criteria to assign a ranking and points to each project, they may make changes to the above template as required.