Innovation Grant Review Criteria
WCHRI uses a rating scale similar to CIHR to help assess the merits of applications submitted to this program. Committee members are asked to review progress (where applicable), quality of proposal, quality of applicant, and impact/KT sections. Both a narrative assessment and a numerical rating are required for each criteria. The rating scale is provided below:

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<td>Needs Revision</td>
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Each review criteria is weighted and the overall score calculated based on the values below:
Quality of the Research Proposal: 75%
Quality of Applicant and previous progress (if applicable): 15%
Impact / KT: 10%

Project alignment with WCHRI relevance criteria
Relevance is assessed independently of scientific merit; points scored in this section are non-cumulative and are not calculated into the overall scientific review of this application. Please refer to our website for current relevance criteria. Alternative or additional factors may need to be included depending upon the proposed research to evidence relevance. Applications are assigned a relevance rating using the following scoring system:

1. Low relevance to WCHRI mandate
2. High relevance to WCHRI mandate

Assessment of the Research Proposal
Reviewers are asked to consider the following aspects of the proposal: objectives, rationale, methods, design, analysis, feasibility and originality. Constructive comments for improving the proposal where appropriate are requested.
- Clarity of the research question
- Completeness of the literature review and relevance to study design/research plan
- Clarity of rationale for the research approach and methodology
- Appropriateness of the research design
- Appropriateness of the research methods
- Feasibility of the research approach (including recruitment of subjects, project timeline, preliminary data where appropriate, etc.)
- Anticipation of difficulties that may be encountered in the research and plans for managing them
- Potential for the creation of new knowledge
- Originality of the proposed research, in terms of the hypotheses/research questions addressed, novel technology/methodology, and/or novel applications of current technology/methodology

Quality of the applicant and the research team (and progress on previous WCHRI funding if applicable)
Reviewers are asked to consider the competence, experience and productivity of the applicant(s), in terms of the feasibility of this application, including duration, budget and research team. Evaluation of the principal investigator and, if applicable, research team is relative to career stage and the project submitted.

- Progress on previous WCHRI funding, if appropriate
- Feasibility of the project, including: time and budget; research team and available resources
- Experience of the research team in the proposed area of research and with the proposed methodology
- Appropriateness of the research team to carry out the proposed research, in terms of complementarity of expertise and synergistic potential

**Assessment of the Knowledge Translation Plan**

Reviewers are asked to provide an assessment of the potential of this research to impact on women and/or children's health.

- Research proposal addresses a significant need or gap in women or children's health research and/or the health care system
- Potential for a significant contribution to the improvement of women or children's health in Alberta (and more broadly, Canada) and/or to the development of more effective women or children's health research services
- Appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed plan for knowledge translation, dissemination and exchange