

## AIFA GRANT CATEGORY DESCRIPTORS

CATEGORY	Originality and Scientific Quality 50%	Significance of Outcomes and Potential 25%	Methodology, Team Quality and Capability 25%
<p><b>7</b> <b>Outstanding</b></p>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has objectives that are well-defined, highly coherent and strongly developed</li> <li>• Is a near flawless design</li> <li>• Is without question highly feasible</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses an issue of utmost importance to allergy and immune disease</li> <li>• Will translate into outcomes in the science and/or practice of clinical medicine</li> <li>• Is highly innovative and introduces advances in concept</li> <li>• Will almost certainly result in highly influential publications</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the main, comprises the most outstanding researchers in the country for their cohort</li> <li>• Is highly recognised for their contribution to their field of research</li> <li>• Members have very strong records of other research achievements</li> <li>• Has a track record that is highly relevant to the proposed research</li> </ul>
<p><b>6</b> <b>Excellent</b></p>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is clear in its intent and logical</li> <li>• Is excellent in design</li> <li>• Is apparently highly feasible</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses an issue of major importance to allergy and immune disease</li> <li>• Is innovative with respect to the question being addressed and the approach to it</li> <li>• Is very likely to result in highly influential publications</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a record of achievement that places them in the top 10% of their cohort</li> <li>• Members are recognised for their strong contributions to their field of research</li> <li>• Members are emerging leaders in their field</li> <li>• Members have track record that are very relevant to the proposed research</li> </ul>

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<p><b>5</b> <b>Very Good</b></p>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has clear objectives</li> <li>• Raises only minor concerns regarding study design</li> <li>• Will likely be successfully achieved</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses an issue of considerable importance to allergy and other immune diseases</li> <li>• May contain at least one innovative idea</li> <li>• May result in several influential publications</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a record of achievement that places them well above average for cohort</li> <li>• Are well recognised for their contributions to their fields of research</li> <li>• Have growing national reputations</li> <li>• Have track records in fields relevant to the proposed research</li> </ul>
<p><b>4</b> <b>Good</b></p>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is sound in terms of its objectives</li> <li>• Contains several areas of concern in the experimental design</li> <li>• Raises some concerns about successful completion</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses an issue of some importance to allergy and other immune diseases</li> <li>• May have some novel aspects, while other extend existing knowledge</li> <li>• May result in some influential publications</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have solid records of achievement</li> <li>• Have made contributions to their field of research</li> <li>• Members have track records consistent with the proposed research</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b> <b>Marginal</b></p>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is satisfactory in terms of its objectives, but may not be successful with all of them</li> <li>• Has a number of areas of concern</li> <li>• Contains several study design problems or flaws</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses an issue of some concern to allergy and other immune diseases</li> <li>• Has relatively little novelty</li> <li>• Is not particularly innovative</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members have published a number of works in a field relevant to this application in the last 5 years</li> <li>• Is deficient in some areas of expertise that will be</li> </ul>

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			required to successfully complete the proposed research
<b>2</b> <b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a program of research which will only slightly advance current knowledge</li> <li>• Contains a research plan which does not seem feasible in several areas</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not address an issue of concern to allergy and other immune diseases</li> <li>• Is not innovative or significant</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not productive to any significant extent in relevant fields</li> <li>• Does not have the expertise or capacity to successfully complete more than a fraction of the research</li> </ul>
<b>1</b> <b>Poor</b>	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not advance current knowledge in the field</li> <li>• Raises major concerns about the feasibility of the research plan</li> <li>• Contains a study design which is inadequate in a number of areas</li> </ul>	<p>The planned research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not address an issue of concern to allergy and other immune diseases</li> <li>• Is not innovative or significant</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not productive to any significant extent</li> <li>• Does not have the expertise or capacity to successfully complete the research</li> </ul>