Finnish Dental Society Apollonia Expert Committee

Research Evaluation Form

Applicant
Application

I have a conflict of interest in evaluating this application	Yes No

Score 0-5

1.	Is the research question/working hypothesis well justified and clearly presented?	
2.	How thoroughly has the applicant reviewed previous research in the field?	
3.	How well does the study design* address the research question?	
4.	Are there enough observational units, and is the number adequately justified?	
5.	How well are the research methods** suited to the intended purpose?	
6.	How well are the statistical methods*** suited to the intended purpose?	
7.	Presentation of the research group and the applicant's own role in it	
8.	Funding plan and its realism	
9.	What is the significance of the requested grant for the progress of the research?	
10.	Is the research necessary and significant?	
	Total score	

The application lists all necessary permits/approvals Comments:	Yes No

Previous publications and grants Comments:	Yes No

The project involves issues that should be discussed, even if the application would not be a borderline case based on the score Comments:	Yes No

Other comments:

* The aspects required in the description of the study design vary between fields. For example, the description of a clinical epidemiological cause-and-effect study design should indicate at least: 1) How are candidates recruited as study participants?, 2) What are the inclusion and exclusion criteria?, 3) On what basis are the comparison groups formed? and 4) What phenomenon/phenomena are compared between the groups?

** Here, research methods refer to the methods used to observe the observational units and by which the observations are converted into research data.

*** For example, the analysis strategy and control of confounding.