

DAC Scoring Rubric: Innovative Project Grants (IPG)

The Divisional Activities Committee (DAC) uses a scoring rubric to assess IPG proposals each funding cycle. The DAC would like Division officers to see the criteria by which the IPG proposals are scored, so that they may address each of these points in their proposals. Some additional suggestions are provided as well to guide IPG submissions towards their best chance for success.

Each proposal will be scored out of 19 points by independent reviewers in five categories:

1. **Innovation** (worth 5 points): The creation, development and implementation of a new product, process or service, with the aim of improving efficiency and/or effectiveness of the division, particularly those that align with the Society's goals and values.
2. **Impact** (worth 5 points): The estimation or goal for the project in terms of number of division members affected, processes improved, division goal(s) met, finances, etc.
3. **Leveraging resources** (worth 3 points): The extent of Divisional resources, funds or other resources, used to enhance the project.
4. **Sustainability** (worth 3 points): Design for follow-up activity related to the project and how it will be supported.
5. **Inclusiveness** (worth 3 points): How the project addresses inclusivity and how it will support ACS Goals.

Remember, new proposals should not duplicate previously funded IPGs. Supporting any idea a second time will likely not be funded.

The IPG submittal should contain a brief discussion of how the project will be managed and how each of the criteria will be met. For example, what is innovative about the proposal? How many people will be affected and what is the impact on the Division? How will this impact be assessed? What other resources are available for the activity and to sustain the activity after the project. *Hint:* Providing food for attendees at an event is not viewed as very impactful by itself.