**BBSRC IAA Application Assessment Scoresheet**

The BBSRC IAA Assessment Panel will consider all eligible applications against the following:

1. Does the proposed activity build on past or current biotechnology and biological science-related research conducted at Queen’s?
2. Does the proposed activity have clearly expressed and achievable Aims and Objectives? [[1]](#footnote-1)
3. Does the proposed activity demonstrate good value-for-money and is the budget fully justified?
4. Is there a good quality plan for collecting evidence of impact, that indicates how impact will be measured and that the funded work will demonstrate that impact is being generated?
5. Does the proposed activity have the potential to demonstrate accelerated impact generation?
6. Does the proposed initiative have the potential for longer-term impact?
7. Does the proposed activity have the potential for long-term relationships beyond academia?
8. Will the proposed initiative enhance the culture of engaged research at Queen’s?
9. Has the application considered EDI and Responsible Innovation?
10. Where possible/appropriate, does the proposed initiative include cash or in-kind contributions from external partners?

**Assessment Score Sheet**

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| PI | Funding Stream | Project Title |
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| Project Eligibility Check – proceed to score if answer is Yes to all. If any answer is NO then do not proceed to score | Yes/No |
| Is the activity biotechnology/Biological Sciences related? |  |
| Can the activity start soon and be completed before March 2025? |  |
| Is the activity clearly linked to and will build on EXISTING RESEARCH within Queen’s i.e. aimed at translating/ commercialising/ providing Knowledge Exchange, Technology Transfer opportunity for existing research? |  |
| Where it is appropriate, does the proposed activity include cash or in-kind contributions from the external partners?[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| The applicant has considered EDI and Responsible Innovation in their project plan |  |

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| Assessment criteria[[3]](#footnote-3) | Score applied /5 | Weighting | Final score | Comments |
| 1. Does the proposed activity have clearly expressed and achievable Aims and Objectives?
 |  | X1 |  |  |
| 1. Does the proposed activity demonstrate good value-for-money?
 |  | X1 |  |  |
| 1. Does the proposed activity have the potential to accelerate impact generation for the research?
 |  | X2 |  |  |
| 1. Is there a good quality plan for collecting evidence of impact that indicates how impact will be measured and that the funded work will demonstrate that impact is being generated?
 |  | X1 |  |  |
| 1. Will the proposed initiative have longer-term impact potential?
 |  | X1 |  |  |
| 1. Will the proposed initiative lead to long-term relationships beyond academia?
 |  | X1 |  |  |
| 1. Will the proposed initiative enhance the culture of engaged research at Queen’s?
 |  | X1 |  |  |
| FINAL SCORE |  /40  |  |
| Is this project fundable? (tick one) | **Yes** | **Yes with revision** | **No** |

1. The BBSRC IAA Assessment Group will adopt an open attitude to risk and innovation, balanced with a need to deliver value-for-money. This approach is designed to encourage applications that are novel in design and whose success is consequently more uncertain than conventional impact projects [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. To note , successful awards with external international partners that **receive** funding will require Due Diligence check [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Scoring Matrix: 0=activity does not meet criteria; 3 = Activity adequately meets criteria; 5 = activity is an excellent demonstration of the criteria [↑](#footnote-ref-3)