

**Project Outline Evaluation Rubric (PO)
Challenge-driven Innovation Fund (CIF)**

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria for Evaluation	Weightage Grading Score	Scale (1-7)
Relevance to the Thematic Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposal clearly identify the CIF Thematic Area? Are the recognized aspects of the Thematic Area significant and important enough to merit a CIF award? Does the proposed solution address the local problem(s)? 	20	
Research and Innovation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposal present a compelling case for the research plan to address the Thematic Area? How well innovation is addressed that makes value addition to the project? Does the proposal describe an integrated research plan solution to address particular aspects of the Thematic Area? Has the proposed project established or going to establish the necessary partnerships to succeed in its vision and goals? What is the expected commercialization potential/socioeconomic impact of the product in future? 	40	
Team Capacity to Implement CIF Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the research team have the appropriate research ability to deliver on the project? Is the PI qualified enough to lead the large-scale research project with multiple partners? Is the project budget reasonable? 	20	
Institutional Capacity to Implement CIF Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the institution have a record of achievement in supporting large project awards (if any previously completed)? 	20	
Overall Rating		

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7- Outstanding	Exceptionally strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
6-Excellent	Very strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
5-Very Good	Very strong Proposal with minor weaknesses
4-Good	Strong proposal with minor weaknesses
3-Average	Proposal having some strengths but moderate weaknesses
2-Weak	Proposal having few strengths with major weaknesses
1-Poor	Proposal having very few strengths with numerous major weaknesses