

UGSA Research Project Grants 2026

PRIMARY SCORING CRITERIA

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What is the clinical and scientific significance?	Research question is redundant, Information will not add to current knowledge, unlikely to impact on clinical practice	Limited scientific value, minimal relevance to clinical practice	Sound research question that may provide clinically relevant information	Interesting research question on a topical subject that is clinically important	Highly significant question on an important and novel research topic. Likely to change current clinical practice
SCORE					
Validity of the scientific approach?	The approach is unsafe, no valid or does not address the research question	The scientific approach addresses the hypothesis in a limited way, unlikely to meet research aims	The hypothesis is mainly addressed by the scientific approach	The approach is well established and will provide answers that will answer the research question	The methods clearly address the research question and will provide publishable and clinically relevant outcomes
SCORE					
Feasibility of the study?	Serious concerns about feasibility and quality of project	Some concerns about feasibility of major aspects of the project	Feasible although minor aspects may be questionable	Solid, likely and feasible. Possibly may lead to broader study/research	Highly feasible, likely to result in highly recognised publishable outcomes. Likely to lead to broader study/research
SCORE					
Overall suitability for an UGSA grant?	Serious safety concerns, Ethical concerns, Project irrelevant to UGSA	Limited relevance to UGSA	Relevant to UGSA but some aspects may be outside UGSA activities	Resides within the goals and ethos of UGSA	Highly relevant to the goals and ethos of UGSA
SCORE					
TOTAL					

Further Considerations

SECONDARY SCORING CRITERIA

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Appropriateness of budget?	Insufficient detail in budget	Unclear if budget is appropriate for project completion	Reasonable budget for expectations of project	Stand-alone budget directly applicable to project and likely to lead to completion	Stand-alone budget that clearly supports project in the desired timeframe
SCORE					
Availability of expertise and facilities?	Serious concerns about the ability to conduct research due to lack of expertise and/or facilities	Concerns about the research environment and facilities	Good facilities and some collaborators with past experience in project supervision and management	Quality research environment and high commitment to project Moderate track record of research supervision and project completion by collaborators	High quality research environment with strong commitment and track record of collaborators
SCORE					
TOTAL					