

## **Research Scoring Criteria**

*(Inc. Large Research, Small Research, Ecologists in Africa)*

### **A) Scientific Excellence/Potential of the Project**

#### **5 – Exceptional**

- There is an outstanding alignment with the grants objectives and requirements
- The proposed work is at the leading edge internationally
- The work is likely to lead to significant advance in scientific understanding
- The objectives of the proposed work are achievable and this is supported by an outstanding, highly appropriate research plan and methodology
- The work represents outstanding value for money and all resources requested are completely justified
- A clear understanding of the potential impact of the work is demonstrated
- Outreach activities proposed are appropriate to the work, use both routine and novel ways to engage end-users, and are likely to generate very significant potential for impact

#### **4 – Excellent**

- There is an excellent alignment with the grants objectives and requirements
- The proposed work is at a high international standard
- The work will make a significant contribution to the advance in scientific understanding
- The objectives of the proposed work are achievable and this is supported by an excellent, highly appropriate research plan and methodology
- The work represents excellent value for money and all resources requested are completely justified
- A clear understanding of the potential impact of the work is demonstrated
- Outreach activities proposed are appropriate to the work, use both routine and novel ways to engage end-users, and are likely to generate significant potential for impact

#### **3 – Very Good**

- There is very good alignment with the grants objectives and requirements
- The proposed work is internationally competitive
- The work will make a contribution to the advance in scientific understanding
- The objectives of the proposed work are achievable and this is supported by a very good, appropriate research plan and methodology
- The work represents very good value for money and most resources requested are justified
- An understanding of the potential impact of the work is demonstrated
- Outreach activities proposed are appropriate to the work, use both routine and novel ways to engage end-users, and are likely to generate potential for impact

## **2 – Good**

- There is some alignment with the grants objectives and requirements
- The proposed work has merit but isn't internationally competitive
- The work will lead to only a minor advance in scientific understanding
- The objectives of the proposed work are mostly achievable and this is supported by a good, appropriate research plan and methodology
- The work represents reasonable value for money and some of the resources requested are justified
- Some understanding of the potential impact of the work is demonstrated
- Outreach activities proposed are appropriate to the work, use either routine or novel ways to engage end-users, and may generate potential for impact

## **1 – Not competitive**

- There is little or no alignment with the grants objectives and requirements
- The proposed work potentially has some merit but isn't internationally competitive
- The work is unlikely to advance scientific understanding
- The objectives of the proposed work are not achievable and is supported by a poor research plan and methodology
- The work represents poor value for money and little or none of the resources requested are justified
- Little understanding of the potential impact of the work is demonstrated
- Outreach activities proposed are not appropriate to the work, don't use either routine or novel ways to engage end-users and are unlikely to generate potential for impact

## **B) Potential of the Candidate**

### **5 – Exceptional**

- The applicant has an outstanding proven track record in delivering results of this nature
- The applicant has demonstrated outstanding performance at an international level
- The applicant has surpassed expectation with regards to the required standard in relation to past contributions or future potential

### **4 – Excellent**

- The applicant has an excellent proven track record in delivering results of this nature
- The applicant has demonstrated excellent performance at an international level
- The applicant exceeds the required standard in relation to past contributions or future potential

### **3 – Very Good**

- The applicant has a very good proven track record in delivering results of this nature
- The applicant has demonstrated very high performance at an international level
- The applicant has reached the required standard in relation to past contributions or future potential

### **2 – Good**

- The applicant has a proven track record in delivering results of this nature
- The applicant has demonstrated good performance at a national/international level
- The applicant reaches the required standard in relation to past contributions or future potential

### **1 – Not Competitive**

- The applicant does not have a proven track record in delivering results of this nature
- The applicant has little or no experience of performing at an international level
- The applicant does not reach the required standard in relation to either past contributions or future potential