



## MS Australia Sample of Peer Review Questions

- MS Australia’s Research Management Council (RMC) will use the comments and scores from the questions below, provided by Peer Reviewers, to assist in the selection of applications to be funded.
- Comments from Peer Reviewers, **both positive and constructive**, provide very useful feedback to the applicant.
- Comments will be sent back to the applicant, who will have the opportunity to provide rebuttal comments (this excludes Incubator Grants, Postgraduate Scholarships and the Ian Ballard Travel Award). These rebuttal comments will also be considered by the RMC.

**Please see below for the scoring guide.  
Please follow directions contained within the individual scoring cell.**

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| <b>1</b> = Marginal to Poor | <b>4</b> = Very good | <b>6</b> = Outstanding |
| <b>2</b> = Satisfactory     | <b>5</b> = Excellent | <b>7</b> = Exceptional |
| <b>3</b> = Good             |                      |                        |

### Peer Reviewers comment on each question below

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Relevance of this research to multiple sclerosis and alignment to MS Australia’s Strategy</b>                           |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Significance, value and novelty of the hypothesis</b>   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Quality of the research study design</b>  |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Strength of preliminary data.</b>   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Involvement of consumers in the research study design.</b>  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Likelihood of completion of the project within the given time frame.</b>  |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Recent research track record and productivity of the applicant and/or team.</b>   |
| <b>8a</b> | <b>If you think this application <i>IS</i> fundable, are there ways that the research could be improved?</b>               |
| <b>8b</b> | <b>If you think that this project is <i>NOT</i> fundable, what specific improvements are required to make it fundable?</b> |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Overall thoughts on the application.</b>  |