

Conference Awards

Application Review Criteria and Scoring Guidance

All funding applications are subject to expert review. To make the review process as fair and transparent as possible, all reviewers are guided by grant specific assessment criteria.

The five core assessment criteria are:



Our [Research Review Panel](#) of expert reviewers use the grant specific assessment criteria to guide their written feedback and to make an overall assessment score.

For further details visit our [website](#) for the [four-steps of our rapid review process](#).

Grant specific assessment criteria

The rapid review process uses a [points system](#), weighting decisions primarily on the scientific merit of the research and alignment with APF's research priorities. Consideration is also given to the potential career benefit gained by the applicant in attending the conference, whether people affected by PF have been involved in shaping the research, and to what extent health inequalities in research are addressed.

Reviewers are invited to score against the criteria based on their individual experience and expertise, where they feel comfortable doing so. Question prompts are provided as a guide only.



Please consider how the application aligns with APF's Research Strategy.

- Is the research question one of importance and relevance to patients and their families?
- Does it align with [APF's research priorities](#)?



Please consider the quality of the research and its potential to make a difference to people affected by PF.

- Has the research study been appropriately and robustly designed to address the primary research question?
- Does the research provide new understanding or knowledge gained?
- Does it have potential for engagement with or utilisation by “next users” of the research, or those that can influence change?
- Has it been clearly stated what this means for people affected by PF, and how the findings might be taken forward?



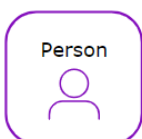
Please consider the involvement of people with lived experience in the research.

- Has consideration been given to the involvement of patients and caregivers? e.g. during study concept, study design and/or in the communication of the findings.
- What difference did this involvement make?
- If people with lived experience were not involved, has the applicant explained the reasons why?



Please consider any actions taken by the applicant to address health inequalities in research.

- Has the applicant considered ways in which to address health inequalities in research?
- Does the research explore differences in, for example, sex, ethnicity, age, diagnosis, geographic regions, etc?
- Has the applicant considered approaches to recruitment with the potential to improve representation of underserved groups?
- Does the applicant indicate raising public awareness among groups of people ‘at risk’ for pulmonary fibrosis?
- If the applicant has not considered ways to address health inequalities in the research, has the applicant explained the reasons why?



Please consider what benefit to the applicant’s career might be gained from conference attendance.

- How will the applicant be participating in the conference? For example, a poster or oral presentation, any other contribution of note?
- How does the applicant plan to use attendance to further their career? Do they give details of whether the aim is to form collaborations or the sharing of knowledge in a new or underserved area of research?

- Has the applicant indicated what it is about the selected conference that is important for their career and/or the future direction of their research?