Winnipeg Foundation Innovation Fund Competition

Common reviewer comments that result in applications receiving low priority for funding

- *This team is comprised of 1 individual with 60%+ time on the project and remainder of team has <20% time devoted to the project.*

    o This results in the proposal to be viewed as a typical PI grant with some collaborators. The purpose of a WFIF grant is to fund at least 3 individuals working together with each individual bringing something unique to the table, which is well described, in context, in the body of the proposal. The synergistic nature of the team needs to be clearly articulated.

- *The proposal was not written for a multidisciplinary review committee. The science and or concepts proposed were not easy to follow or understand; too much jargon.*

- *The proposal is underdeveloped and/or not cohesive enough to convince the reviewer that it is possible to execute the project.*

- *The proposal package was incomplete (e.g., one or more of the CVs was missing).*

- *The proposal is incremental or derivative.*

    o The purpose of the WFIF grant is to incentivise high-risk, high-reward proposals, which are not typically funded by the usual granting agencies. WFIF will not fund proposals that are seen to be extensions of ongoing research activities by the applicants.

- *The proposal lacks innovation.*

    o The purpose of the WFIF grant is to fund truly novel research that has the potential to be transformative. Transformative research has the capability of producing a major impact on important problems in biomedical/social science research by revolutionizing existing fields, creating new sub-fields, causing paradigm shifts, and developing radically new technologies.

- *The proposal is not feasible within the time frame and funds available.*

    o The purpose of the WFIF grant is to fund an innovative 1-year project that can be completed with the budget requested during the time allowed and will bring the research to the point where applications for external funding can be made.