

AHA Peer Reviewer Score Guidance

The table below provides a guide for reviewers in assigning AHA Impact scores and program peer review criteria scores. The review should be based on the strengths/weaknesses of the work being proposed. You will be asked to assign two separate scores in ProposalCentral:

1. Impact to AHA Mission (1 – 9, *1 being the best) Consider the probability of a project to have a sustained and powerful influence on research field(s) and the potential impact on the AHA’s mission: **TO BE A RELENTLESS FORCE FOR A WORLD OF LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES.**
2. Evaluation of all program peer review criteria (1 – 9, * 1 being the best)

The entire scale (1-9) should be used for your assigned applications. The entire scale (1-9) should be used for your assigned applications. Please strive to delineate your scores for both Impact to AHA Mission and Program Criteria using the table below.

Score Scale	1. Impact to AHA Mission	2. Evaluation of Program Peer Review Criteria Descriptor
1	Exceptional overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Exceptional Science, no weaknesses on program criteria
2	Outstanding overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Outstanding Science, minor weaknesses on program criteria
3	Excellent overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Excellent Science, more strengths than weaknesses on program criteria
4	Notable overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Very Good Science, moderate weaknesses on program criteria
5	Moderate overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Good Science, strengths and weaknesses are equivalent on program criteria
6	Moderate to low overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Satisfactory Science, weaknesses are slightly greater than strengths on program criteria
7	Limited to low overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Fair Science, weaknesses are significantly greater than strengths on program criteria
8	Low overall IMPACT to AHA mission	Marginal Science, too many weaknesses in program criteria
9	No impact to AHA mission.	Poor Science, little to no strengths in program criteria