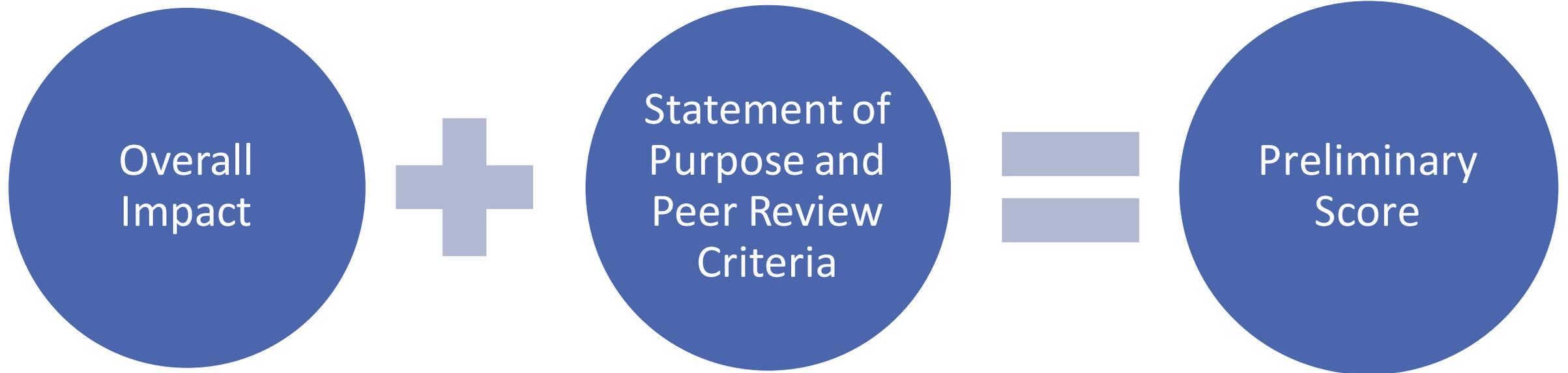


CREATING A PRELIMINARY SCORE



IMPACT SCALE

1. Evaluating Overall Impact: 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: building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

**HIGH
OVERALL
IMPACT**

Application is addressing a problem of **high importance/interest** in the field and has **potential for significant impact to the AHA mission.**

**MEDIUM
OVERALL
IMPACT**

Application is addressing a problem of **moderate importance** in the field, with **some potential impact to the AHA mission.**

**LOW
OVERALL
IMPACT**

Application is addressing a problem of **moderate to low importance** in the field and **limited potential impact to the AHA mission.**

Low Overall Impact is a valid reason to streamline an application

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND PEER REVIEW CRITERIA

- Consider the specific program's Statement of Purpose: Is this application clearly responsive to the program's stated objective?
- Consider the peer review criteria: Significance, Approach, Innovation, Investigator and Environment, and the scientific strengths and weaknesses of each criterion

OVERALL SCORE SCALE

3. Preliminary Scoring:

- a. Factor in level of impact
- b. Consider the program's Statement of Purpose (is this application clearly responsive to the program's stated objective?)
- c. Consider the peer review criteria, including the scientific strengths and weaknesses

1.0 to 1.3	<i>The application has <u>very high</u> overall impact and no weaknesses. strengths >>> weaknesses</i>
1.4 to 1.7	<i>The application has <u>high</u> overall impact and only minor weaknesses. strengths >> weaknesses</i>
1.8 to 2.1	<i>The application has <u>moderately high</u> overall impact and strengths are greater than any weaknesses. strengths > weaknesses</i>
2.2 to 2.5	<i>The application has <u>moderately high to medium</u> overall impact and strengths are equivalent to any weaknesses. strengths = weaknesses</i>
2.6 to 2.9 <i>(Consider Streamline)</i>	<i>The application has <u>medium</u> overall impact; however, weaknesses are greater than any strengths. weaknesses > strengths</i>
3.0 and above <i>(Streamline)</i>	<i>The application has <u>medium to low</u> overall impact and/or too many weaknesses. weaknesses >>> strengths</i>

Streamlining

- Streamlining is the process of removing a non-competitive application from discussion.
- Based on initial scoring, the Chair and Staff will identify poorly scored applications and add them to the Streamline list to maintain Streamlining guidelines.
- Each committee is mandated to streamline at least 50% of their applications.
- A streamlined application **MUST** have complete critiques. The critique must highlight the weaknesses that led to the streamline designation.
- Tertiary/Reader/R3 reviewers must supply a full written critique of weaknesses if they streamline a proposal.

Streamlining

- Any application in a reviewer's "initial analysis" receives a score in the mid-range of 2.6 – 4.8 should be streamlined.
- Applications that have scores of 1.8 – 2.6 might still fall within the bottom 50% of applications in the committee and should be moved to the Streamlined list.
- When discussions lead to a realization that the proposal is very weak, a score should be given in the 3.0 - 4.8 range.