

Scoring an AHA Research Application

1. Evaluate the Overall Impact:

Consider the impact on the field of study 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. <i>Low Overall Impact is a valid reason to streamline an application</i>

2. Preliminary Score

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

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

Committee chairpersons and staff propose the initial streamline list using the preliminary scores; the intent is to reserve discussion for the top half of applications.