

ICT25 / Evaluation criteria

The following criteria are used in the evaluation.

- **Scope:** is the project within the [scope of the call](#)? Projects that are not within the thematic scope will be immediately rejected by the jury, regardless of scientific quality.

The key criteria in the evaluation of proposals are **scientific excellence**. In detail, this means:

- **Innovative character of the proposed research project:** Does the proposed research work meet the highest relevant international quality standards? Does the project show scientific originality and innovative aspects? Are the methods and research approaches appropriate and innovative?
- **Scientific excellence and academic potential of the applicant(s):** Accomplishments and potential of the applicants to conduct the proposed research (measured by academic age).

Further criteria:

- **Team composition and interdisciplinary collaboration:** Teams should include an appropriate mix of expertise, bringing together researchers from complementary scientific disciplines if required. A clear description of the roles of the individual partners and a clear project management plan must be presented.
- **Relevance and impact:** What are the mid- to long-term academic and societal impacts of the advancements expected from the project?
- **Feasibility:** is the timeframe sufficient for carrying out the project? Are the proposed resources suitable for achieving the goals? Is the budget adequate?
- **Consideration of gender aspects:** The relevance of potential sex-specific and gender-related aspects of the proposed projects should be considered and explained throughout the proposal.

Other aspects:

- **Career breaks** such as for parental leave, care duties and longer illnesses will be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposals. Please indicate the time periods to allow them to be considered.
- For further information on WWTF's **gender** guideline, please go to this [section](#)