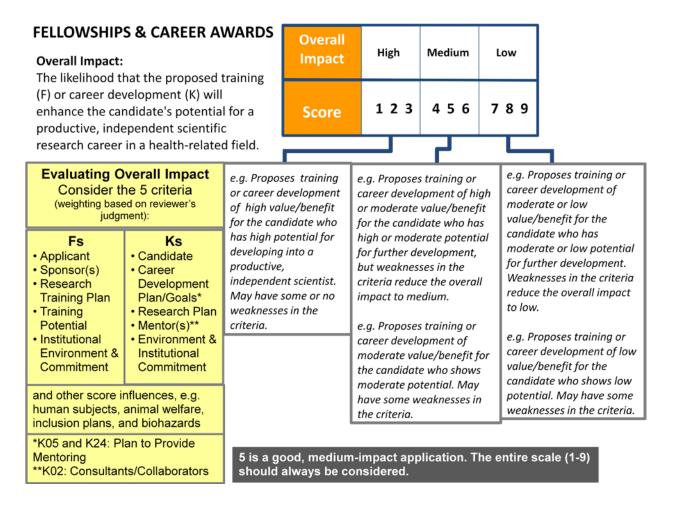
Additional Scoring Guidance: Applications for Fellowships, Career Awards, and Institutional Training Grants

The <u>NIH scoring system</u> was designed to encourage reliable scoring of applications. Reviewers or study sections who assign high ratings to all applications diminish their ability to communicate the scientific impact of an individual application. Therefore, reviewers who carefully consider the rating guidance below can improve the reliability of their scores as well as their ability to communicate the scientific impact of the applications reviewed.

The charts below were developed to encourage reviewers to consider strengths as well as weaknesses when evaluating applications for fellowships, career awards, and institutional training grants.



INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING & INSTITUTIONAL CAREER AWARDS

INSTITUTIONAL CAREER AWARDS		Overal Impact	;	gh	Medium	Low		
Overall Impact: The likelihood that the proposed training (T) or career development (K) program will prepare individuals for successful, productive scientific research careers and thereby exert a sustained influence on the research field(s) involved		Impac						
		Score	Score 123 456			789		
			e.g. Proposes a high-value				e.g. Proposes a training or career development program of moderate value that is adequately designed to prepare individuals for successful,	
Evaluating Overall Impact Consider the 5 criteria (weighting based on reviewer's judgment):	e.g. Proposes a high value training or career development program that is well designed to prepare individuals for		training or career development program that is adequately designed to prepare individuals for successful, productive			program value the designed individue		
TsKs• Training• CareerProgram andDevelopmentEnvironmentProgram &• TrainingEnvironment	highly succes productive so research care have some o	ssful, cientific eers. May r no	scientific research careers. Weaknesses in the criteria reduce the overall impact to medium.			research Weakne	productive scientific research careers. Weaknesses in the criteria reduce the overall impact to low.	
PD(s)/PI(s) · PD(s)/PI(s) • Preceptors/ · Mentors Mentors · Candidates/ • Trainees · Scholars • Training · Training Record Record	Mentors Criteria. Criteria. Criteria. Criteria. Scholars Training		e.g. Proposes a training or career development program of moderate value that is adequately designed. May have some or no weaknesses in the criteric			training developi is inadeo Has som	e.g., Proposes a low-value training or career development program that is inadequately designed. Has some weaknesses in the criteria.	
and other score influences, e.g. criteria. human subjects, animal welfare, 5 is a good, medium-impact application. The entire scale (1-9) inclusion plans, and biohazards should always be considered.							scale (1-9)	

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