

Screening Requirements for Pre-Applications

Overview of Screening Requirements

NCI incorporates a two-phased application process consisting of a pre and full application. This document provides a rubric for the screening criteria used when evaluating pre-applications. Pre-applications must satisfy all the basic criteria as listed below to be considered for invitation to the full-application. The NCI team, in collaboration with university partners, will use the criteria to ensure that basic requirements are met, and therefore, that the project is eligible for full review.

Screening Criteria

Criteria	Details	Comments	Score**
UNC System	Faculty is affiliated/employed by an institution within the UNC System		
NCI Meeting	Faculty has met with their respective Regional Director to discuss project and confirm alignment with NCInnovation's goals and regional needs		
University Disclosure	Faculty has disclosed the project with their OSP and/or technology transfer office		
TRL Three	As indicated in the table (Appendix A)		
Significance	Faculty has identified and addressed a real market problem, has provided data or metrics to justify the significance of the problem, and has clearly articulated the value of their technology		
Impact	Project has the potential to positively impact the region, nation, or world. Examples of impact include (but are not limited to) job creation, economic growth, new company formation, IP development, and/or contributions to public health or environmental sustainability.		
Regional Alignment	Faculty has specified the benefit to the region and alignment with university and/or local strengths		
Commercialization pathway	The faculty has outlined the pathway to market, described the project's commercialization potential, and identified weaknesses or gaps to be overcome.		
Industry Partner and/or Potential	Faculty has identified and has or is seeking a commitment from an industry or military partner on the project or has demonstrated strong potential for collaboration in the near future. Provide letters of support/intent for formalized commitments where possible.		
Total score			

* 0 – does not satisfy; 1 – somewhat satisfies; 2 – fully satisfies or exceeds

†If the score is zero for any criterion, the proposal does not qualify for full review.