

**WRITTEN EVALUATION FORM**

**FOR REVIEWERS**

**IAS 2025 AUDACITY PROJECT**

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| **«Project\_acronym»** | **«Project\_title»** |

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| **Name of the Coordinating PI** |  |
| **Fac/IC** |  |

We would like to provide the candidates with feedback on their projects. For this, it is essential that referees draw up a comment of at least five lines for each of selection criteria as well as for the conclusion. This will enable candidates to better appreciate the evaluation outcome.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and we would kindly ask you to send the completed evaluation form before the deadline to: [ias@uni.lu](mailto:ias@uni.lu).

Please refer to the guidelines for reviewers for more details on the written evaluation procedure.

The oral pitch and scientific debate are done in front of the Scientific Council and are not part of this evaluation form.

**Introduction**

The funding instrument AUDACITY is part of the Institute for Advanced Studies of the University of Luxembourg and has the objective to leverage bold and interdisciplinary projects at the very forefront of science, to break the walls between scientific disciplines and sectors, and to foster collaboration at University of Luxembourg. Even though AUDACITY projects mostly address foundational questions in the early stage of science, they are equally relevant for global challenges such as digitalization, diminishing natural resources, climate change, environmental issues, health, demography, economic growth, education or social inclusion, which are so multifaceted and intricate that they can only be solved through interdisciplinary approaches.

Driven by excellence and interdisciplinarity, the AUDACITY call is open to all disciplines and sectors. While AUDACITY does not provide funding to other institutions, it encourages collaborative research across UL entities and joint actions with Luxembourgish and foreign partners. AUDACITY projects have typically a lifespan of 2 to 4 years and funding is granted on a competitive basis.

**The following criteria should be considered during the reviewing process:**

1. **Academic excellence**
   1. **Competence of the PIs:**

Evaluate the research profile of the PIs, and how they propose to overcome the actual frontiers of knowledge. Their scientific excellence is the warrant of the project coherence and success, and of its suitability to pave the way towards the development of new research areas at UL.

* 1. **Strength of the consortium**

The members of the consortium shall present a clear complementarity to reach an interdisciplinary research goal. Without this interdisciplinarity, the project could not be successful. The project should foster collaboration at the University of Luxembourg and/or collaboration with national or foreign institutions if the complementary discipline is not available at UL.

1. **Audacious character of the project idea:**

The project is outstanding by its audacious and risky approach while being strongly supported by the complementarity of the PIs competences in various disciplines.

* 1. **Novelty**

The project targets an untouched area of research because usually considered as too complex, too risky, or too difficult to address in schemes conventionally funded nationally or internationally and where projects mostly undergo disciplinary evaluations.

* 1. **Originality**

Not only the project idea is novel, but the approach proposed by the PIs to generate new knowledge is also original.

* 1. **Risky**

This is the essence of an AUDACITY project. The proposed idea, methodology and consortium composition are unconventional, yet required to aim at scientific breakthroughs and novel solutions for challenges faced by society.

1. **Interdisciplinarity**

We understand interdisciplinary research as “*a mode of research by teams or individuals that integrates information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of research practice*” (Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research, Committee on Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research, National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, 2005)

Does the project encourage interdisciplinary working? How do the PIs ensure a vibrant interdisciplinary research team?

The criterion of “Interdisciplinarity” should span at least over two research departments or faculties or interdisciplinary centers. The proposal shall illustrate how their project is based on interdisciplinary research and extends into other disciplines (e.g., methodologically, in terms of its research questions/hypotheses, results or societal impacts).

**Evaluators' assessments and conclusions will be communicated to candidates anonymously.**

**Scoring:**

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| ***Score 5*** | Work is audacious and at the **forefront of knowledge** and will most likely have an **important and substantial impact** on science internationally. |
| ***Score 4*** | Work is expected to make a **significant contribution**; nationally at the forefront of research. |
| ***Score 3*** | Work is **competitive at the national level** and will probably make a **valuable contribution** in the international field. |
| ***Score 2*** | Work that is **solid but not exciting**, will add to our understanding and is in principle worthy of support. It is considered of less priority than work in the above categories. |
| ***Score 1*** | Work that is neither solid nor exciting, flawed in the scientific and or technical approach, repetitions of other work, etc. **Work not worthy of pursuing**. |

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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | 1. **Academic Excellence**   (Please tick only one box per line, 5 is the highest and 1 the lowest score) |
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**Academic Excellence**: **detailed justification of the evaluation**

(at least five lines are mandatory)

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**Audacious character: detailed justification of the evaluation**

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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | 1. **Interdisciplinarity**   (Please tick only one box per line, 5 is the highest and 1 the lowest score) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Project’s ability to encourage interdisciplinary working |
|  |  |  |  |  | Interdisciplinarity of the project consortium internally and/or externally |

**Interdisciplinarity: detailed justification of the evaluation**

(at least five lines are mandatory)

**4. Conclusion and overall judgment**

(at least five lines are mandatory)

**5. Any further remarks and recommendations for the candidates**

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**Confidentiality:**

Evaluators' assessments and conclusions will be communicated to candidates anonymously.

**Reviewer’s contact details:**

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I, the undersigned, certify that I will treat as strictly confidential all information I have received and will receive in connection with the evaluation of the project.

Date of signature:

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