APPENDIX 1: PANEL ASSESSMENT SCORECARD: CONCEPT NOTES

Blue Skies Research Funding Instrument

Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Details	Score / 4	Weight (Total = 100%)	Weighted score (Total = 4)
Quality of the "Concept Note"	The "Object" of the research	• How important and/or new - as defined by peers in the specific research community- are the phenomena being investigated?		20%	
	Research approach	• Are novel approaches in terms of the theoretical framework(s), methodological approach(es) or research contexts being explored?		30%	
	Contribution to the knowledge base	• Will the proposed research push the frontiers of knowledge production?		30%	
Track record of applicant	Past research	• What is the applicant's output in terms of publications, patents, designs, performances etc?		10%	
	Students trained	• What has the applicant's contribution been in terms of training M and D students? This includes the training of black and/or females students.		10%	
	100%	**0.00**		**100%**	