



## Evaluation Criteria for Research Protocols

To ensure the feasibility and scientific quality of the research protocols submitted, the IRSST solicits the opinions of experts to ensure that the problem, objectives and methodology are clearly defined, adequately linked and commensurate with the results expected. The experts consulted are asked to complete the following information.

### 1. Issue

Is the issue well-defined? Does it involve a very real occupational health and safety situation or problem?

### 2. Existing Knowledge

Is the review of scientific or technical literature adequate? If applicable, is the inventory of current techniques up to date?

### 3. Research Objectives and Hypotheses

Are the objectives and hypotheses (or research issues) clearly defined?

### 4. Methodology

Is the approach suitable, adequately described, and will it ensure the achievement of the objectives?

### 5. Originality and Usefulness of Research

Will the results make an original and useful contribution that, if necessary, can be applied in the workplace?

### 6. Competence of Research Team

Is the composition of the team suitable in terms of competence and complementarity?

### 7. Schedule

Are the schedule and the work plan realistic?

### 8. Resources

Are the material and human resources provided for in the budget appropriate?

### 9. Other Comments

### 10. Summary of Evaluation: (check off the appropriate box)

|  | Excellent                | Good                     | Passable                 | Unsatisfactory           |
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| Issue                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Existing knowledge                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Objectives and hypotheses              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Methodology                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Originality and usefulness of research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Competence of team                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schedule                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Resources                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### 11. Recommendation: (check off the appropriate box and complete the information)

**Acceptance** (improvement may be suggested).

List suggested improvements:

**Conditional acceptance** (this means that changes must be made to the protocol before a final opinion can be given).

List requested changes:

**Refusal**

Grounds for refusal:

Note: The comments will be transmitted to the researchers while respecting the anonymity of the evaluator.