

## Collaboration Award judging criteria

Criteria	Description	Weighting
Novel and disruptive concept	To what extent does the application contain high risk, high potential work, which has the potential to take a truly novel and 'out of the box' approach to SCI research?	2
Collaborative and interdisciplinary approach	How likely will the collaboration produce innovation due to the complementing structure of its partners and the way the collaboration will be implemented (e.g. emails vs. joint and shared workspaces)?	2
Relevance to the SCI field and the mission of Conquer Paralysis Now	Would the proposed work advance SCI research toward the goal of the the Conquer Paralysis Now program (functional recovery for SCI patients)? If the application is from a field other than SCI: is the rationale for why it could be applied to SCI and the goals of the Program clear and convincing?	2
Design of proposed project	Is the proposed project suitably designed to address the hypothesis? Are the risks clearly outlined? To what extent would the project inform future SCI research (even if the results were negative)?	1
ProQuality of the applicant (or team)	Does the applicant have the scientific expertise to conduct the proposed research?	2
Potential for future clinical application	Does the proposed work have the potential for functional recovery in chronic SCI human subjects? Are the steps for translation achievable and outlined effectively?	2

