

New Investigator 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?	1
Relevance to the SCI field and the mission of the Conquer Paralysis Now Challenge	Would the proposed work advance SCI research toward the goal of the Conquer Paralysis Now Challenge (functional recovery for SCI patients)?	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
Quality of the applicant (or team)	Does the applicant have the scientific expertise to conduct the proposed research?	2
Potential for future contributions to the field	Does the researcher have the potential to make valuable contributions to functional recovery in chronic SCI human subjects?	4

