

Out-of-the-Box Challenge 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?	3
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)? If the application is from another field, is the rationale for why it could be applied to SCI and the goals of the Program clear and convincing?	2
Design of proposed study	Is the proposed study suitably designed to address the hypothesis? Are the risks clearly outlined? To what extent would the study 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 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

