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## Cornerstone

Applications are scored according to the following rubric:

- 10% Topic's background, hypothesis/objectives
- 15% Project plan/approach
- Previous/supporting data will be considered within the context of the background and or approach. As regards this data we encourage trainees to clearly identify data that they generated versus data generated by their lab or a project collaborator.
- 10% Rationale, significance or potential impact of the project
- 10% Quality of the proposal's writing
- 10% Timeline and budget
- 20% Alignment with the HCS mission, specifically "the development and use of visual techniques that provide biochemical and molecular information about the structure and function of cells, tissues and organs," for example immunohistochemistry, histochemistry and *in situ* hybridization.
- 15% Environment match including trainee's readiness for the project, mentoring and support arranged to assist the trainee with the project's success
- 10% Expected project outcomes, deliverables and description of how these will be disseminated