

Evaluation Criteria for the full proposal

Maximum total score: 100 points

1. Excellence - Up to 70 points

1.1 Ambition and Vision (Up to 20 points)

Extent to which the proposal goes **beyond the state of the art**, demonstrating a high level of **originality, innovation, and transformative potential**.

- Novelty of the proposed concept and approach
- Potential to open new research directions or to significantly advance existing ones
- Clarity and relevance of the scientific and/or technological objectives

1.2 Implementation and feasibility (Up to 30 points)

a) Methodology

Soundness, coherence, and appropriateness of the proposed methodology

- Suitability of the experimental and/or theoretical approaches to achieve the stated objectives

b) Work Plan and Risk Mitigation

Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including:

- Tasks, milestones, and timeline
- Assessment of key risks and adequacy of the proposed mitigation strategies

c) Resources

- Adequacy and justification of the human, technical, and infrastructural resources
- Adequacy of the requested budget¹
- Appropriateness of the proposed effort in relation to objectives and timeline

1.3 Impact (Up to 20 points)

Proposals may address one or more of the following dimensions:

- **Scientific / Technological**
- **Economic**
- **Societal**

It is **not mandatory to address all three dimensions**. Proposals should identify a primary impact focus and elaborate on the **most relevant, credible, and direct outcomes**.

¹ The awarded proposals will receive up to €200,000, (including the resources for hiring researchers, ideally post-docs)

Evidence that the proposed research will generate an impact:

- Contribution to advancing knowledge and/or technology
- Contribution to the effective uptake of a given technological approach
- Added value for IMB-CNM positioning, visibility, and competitiveness
- Potential to generate future funding, collaborations, and/or technology transfer
- Adequacy and credibility of dissemination/communication and exploitation strategies by incorporation of measurable indicators (Key Performance Indicators)

2. Strategic Relevance for IMB-CNM - Up to 10 points

Alignment of the proposal with the objectives of the INTEGRA programme and potential contributions to the reinforcement of the capabilities and prestige of the institute.

- Potential to foster the long-term scientific/technological development of the institute
- Potential to contribute to the R+D+I leadership of the institute

3. Team Composition - Up to 20 points

3.1 Team Quality, Complementarity, and Integration

- Scientific quality and complementarity of the research team
- Appropriateness of expertise to address the proposed objectives
- Combination of researchers from different IMB-CNM groups (evidence of critical mass and integration of mixed and complementary expertise across groups or research lines)

3.2 Incorporation of international postdoctoral researchers into IMB-CNM

- Added value of the incorporation of international post doc to the project
- Description of credible efforts to enrol an international post-doc

Point 1 will be evaluated by external reviewers, while **points 2 and 3** will be assessed internally by a subset of the MDM committee – with absence of conflict of interest.²

Proposals will be ranked by the final score. However, in order to be eligible for funding a minimum score is required as follows:

Evaluation Area	Maximum score	Cut-off threshold
1.Excellence	70	≥ 45 points
2.Strategic Relevance	10	≥ 5 points
3.Team Composition	20	≥ 10 points
TOTAL	100	

² All evaluators will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and a Conflict-of-Interest Declaration before accessing the proposals.