**Evaluation parameters for project proposals**

To select projects, we will consider **three** parameters, weighted as identified below:

- The project: 50%

- The candidate: 20%

- The scientific environment: 30%

**The project (50% of evaluation score):**

The following elements will be assessed:

1. Is the proposed project topic **eligible** for funding under the **following subjects** associated with small modular reactors (SMRs) and other advanced nuclear reactor designs approaching market deployment? These subjects include:
* Nuclear security considerations for SMRs
* Nuclear safety considerations for SMRs
* Workforce development specific to SMRs in Armenia
* Potential for SMRs to contribute to Armenia’s clean energy future
* Regulatory development and licensing considerations for SMRs
* Other SMR and infrastructure capacity-building topics which would support the potential future deployment of SMRs in Armenia.
* Stakeholder outreach, education, and engagement relevant to SMR topics
1. If proposing a workshop, publication, or educational activity, is the approach sufficiently detailed and feasible to anticipate success? Are potential problems anticipated, and possible solutions identified?
2. If proposing a research project, does the description of the project conform to **academic standards** in terms of research hypothesis, methodology, and development?
3. Is the project proposal manageable in terms of its proposed **duration** and **budget**?
4. Has the project **not** **already been** **performed** (similar workshop, publication, educational activity, or research already conducted relevant to Armenian audience)?

**The candidate (20% of evaluation score):**

The following elements will be assessed:

1. Academic **history** and **qualifications** of the candidate (in term of performance, results obtained, highest level of academic degree)
2. **Publications** and participations in scientific conferences or nuclear industry events
3. **Integration** and **engagement** with the scientific community and/or nuclear industry community (based on both present and past professional positions)

**The scientific environment (30% of evaluation score):**

The following elements will be assessed:

1. Participant’s demonstrated **knowledge** of the topic
2. Potential **integration** of the candidate’s work and project results with the ISTC’s work under the funding program in the target country (Armenia)

**Commitment** to support and integrate results in future capacity-building activities of the research institute, ISTC, and the funding program in Armenia