Adjudication criteria for Inlight Research Grant applications

Criteria	Does not meet expectations (Score 0.0 - 2.0)	Fair (Score 2.1 - 3.0)	Good (Score 3.1-4.0)	Outstanding (Score 4.1 - 5.0)
Strategic alignment and impact on EDIAI (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Indigenous persons) and postsecondary student mental health	Rationale, impact and link to Inlight, EDIAI and postsecondary student mental health is not well described or present in the proposal.	Rationale and need in EDIAI and postsecondary student mental health is described but lacking some details. Project impact for EDIAI and student mental health and wellness is broad and could be more defined. Some potential of project to impact EDIAI and student mental health and wellness outcomes. Project is somewhat aligned with the mission, vision and guiding principles of Inlight.	Rationale and need in student mental health is well described. Project impact for EDIAI and student mental health and wellness is clearly explained. Potential of project to impact EDIAI student mental health and wellness outcomes. Project is well aligned with the mission, vision and guiding principles of Inlight.	In addition to good rating… Project will address a significant gap in research with results that will impact EDIAI student mental health and wellness outcomes. Project has strong potential to catalyze future activity at Inlight in related topics. Guiding principles of Inlight are integrated throughout the proposal and woven into research engagement and activities.
Partnership and engagement	Roles of team members are not well described; student engagement and EDIAI were not meaningfully included in the proposal.	Roles of team members are described but contribution could be more defined. Team members have some demonstrated expertise in EDIAI and mental health and wellness research. Team membership could be more diverse in representation. Student and EDIAI engagement is integrated in some but not in all components of the proposal. EDIA considerations are present but not integrated throughout the proposal.	Roles of team members are clearly described and support meaningful contribution. At least one team member has strong expertise in mental health and wellness research. At least one team member has strong expertise in EDIAI research. Team members provide diverse and complementary expertise. Student and EDIAI engagement is integrated throughout the proposal, including objectives, team, and design. EDIA considerations are integrated throughout the proposal, including objectives, team, and design.	In addition to good rating… Collaboration goes beyond meeting original project goals toward building a community of belonging and is likely to drive additional collaborative research. Team members have actively sought to improve their understanding of student engagement and EDIA. Project significantly advances students as collaborators in research. At least one team member has significant experience in EDIAI postsecondary student mental health and wellness

Research design and feasibility	Research design is not well defined and does not link to the objectives and impact. Many components of the project are not feasible, lack environmental support and/or budget justification.	Research approach is explained but lacks some justification. Data and data sources are described but with some missing information. Expected results could be more defined with closer linkage to objectives, methods and data. Methods are not justified clearly to appropriate alternatives. Project milestones and timeline are realistic but with some feasibility concerns. Research environment provides some support for project success. A detailed budget with some missing justification for expenses.	Research approach is clearly explained and appropriate. Data and data sources are clearly described. Expected results are linked to project objectives, methods and data. Methods are justified by contrasting with alternatives. Project milestones are very detailed and measurable. Clear roadmap towards achieving project objectives and timeline is realistic. Research environment provides excellent support for project success. A detailed budget justification provided for expenses and links to project objectives.	In addition to good rating… Potential for broader applicability to problems in other areas of student mental health and wellness. Outlines strategies for successful completion of project if challenges are encountered. Budget demonstrates judicious use of funds and leverages existing research environment to the fullest.