**ECT SCORING CRITERIA FOR SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**ECT uses ten criteria to assess applications to its small grant scheme. The criteria are listed in the table below and are scored on a four-point scale from 0-3.**

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| **3 = Good; 2 = adequate/acceptable; 1 = weak; 0 = unacceptable**  Note: since our grants scheme is only open to LTEs already on ECT’s register, we re-visit an assessment of the LTE’s experimental design in case treatments have changed since registration of the site/experiment. |
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| **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA** |
| Clarity of hypotheses, aims & objectives |
| Experimental design (see \* below) |
| Feasibility of work programme/applicant experience |
| Applicant’s track record in grant applications, publications & PhD supervision |
| Relevance to ECT’s objectives |
| Appropriate use of the LTE/maintenance of LTE integrity |
| Technical issues: appropriate use of technology/instrumentation |
| Value for money; contributions from other sources e.g. grants |
| Impact: potential to add scientific value to the LTE; extend life of the LTE |
| Data-sharing arrangements |

**\*** For **experimental design**, the following scoring system applies:

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|  | **Number of Randomised Replicates** | | | |
| **Total Number of Treatments** | 4+ | 3 | 2 | No reps |
| ≥ 16 | *3* | *3* | *2* | *0* |
| 11 - 15 | *3* | *3* | *2* | *0* |
| 6 - 10 | *3* | *2* | *1* | *0* |
| ≤ 5 | *3* | *2* | *0* | *0* |