



## Quantitative Evaluation Criteria

- 1) Number of publications by the applicant in **Q1** journals.
  - a) 1 point is awarded for each published article. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on author positioning:
    - i) First author:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Second or third author:  $\times 0.5$
    - iii) Fourth and subsequent positions:  $\times 0.25$
  - b) If the publication is in-review an additional  $\times 0.75$  multiplier is applied.
- 2) Number of publications by the applicant in **Q2** journals.
  - a) 0.5 points are awarded for each published article. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on author positioning:
    - i) First author:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Second or third author:  $\times 0.5$
    - iii) Fourth and subsequent positions:  $\times 0.25$
  - b) If the **publication is in-review** an additional  $\times 0.75$  multiplier is applied.
- 3) Number of publications by the applicant in **Q3** journals.
  - a) 0.3 points are awarded for each published article. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on author positioning:
    - i) First author:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Second or third author:  $\times 0.5$
    - iii) Fourth and subsequent positions:  $\times 0.25$
  - b) If the **publication is in-review** an additional  $\times 0.75$  multiplier is applied.
- 4) **Received awards** for oral and poster presentations at **international** scientific conferences.
  - a) 1 point is awarded for each award received for conference presentations. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on presentation type:
    - i) Oral presentation:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Poster presentation:  $\times 0.5$
  - b) Supporting documents confirming the awards (e.g. award certificates) are required.
- 5) **Received awards** for oral and poster presentations at **national** scientific conferences.
  - a) 0.5 points are awarded for each award received for conference presentations. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on presentation type:
    - i) Oral presentation:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Poster presentation:  $\times 0.5$
  - b) Supporting documents confirming the awards (e.g. award certificates) are required.



- 6) Participation at **international** scientific conferences.
  - a) 0.2 points are awarded for participation in each conference. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on presentation type:
    - i) Oral presentation:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Poster presentation:  $\times 0.5$
  - b) Documents confirming participation and the type of presentation (e.g. abstract in the conference abstract book) are required.
- 7) Participation at **national** scientific conferences.
  - a) 0.1 points are awarded for participation in each conference. Each point is multiplied by a multiplier based on presentation type:
    - i) Oral presentation:  $\times 1$
    - ii) Poster presentation:  $\times 0.5$
  - b) Documents confirming participation and the type of presentation (e.g. abstract in the conference abstract book) are required.

## Qualitative Evaluation Criteria and Terms

Five candidates are selected in each category (Bachelor's/Master's and PhD students) based on the highest scores in the quantitative evaluation stage unless the 6th and subsequent candidates have the same score as the 5th candidate. In such cases, all candidates with equal points to the 5th candidate proceed to the qualitative evaluation stage. Quantitative evaluation of candidates is conducted by representatives of the Open Readings team. The qualitative evaluation is conducted by a panel of FTMC representatives, Open Readings conference organizers, and invited field-specific experts as required based on the following criteria:

- 1) Innovativeness and originality of the applicant's research (0–20 points):
  - a) 0–5 points: Research is based on existing work with minor modifications.
  - b) 6–10 points: Research introduces new insights but addresses a well-explored field.
  - c) 11–15 points: Research presents new perspectives or uniquely combines multiple areas of study.
  - d) 16–20 points: Research is innovative and groundbreaking, demonstrating clear originality.
- 2) Impact and relevance of the applicant's research (0–20 points):
  - a) 0–5 points: Research has minimal impact, with limited scientific significance in a niche area.
  - b) 6–10 points: Research has moderate impact within a specific field but limited broader influence.
  - c) 11–15 points: Research addresses significant issues and has the potential to impact a broad scientific area.
  - d) 16–20 points: Research has a profound impact on a wide scientific field.



3) Quality and accuracy of the research (0–20 points):

- a) 0–5 points: Research methodology is weak, lacks precision, and has significant flaws.
- b) 6–10 points: Research methodology is reliable but has some limitations or inconsistencies.
- c) 11–15 points: Research methodology is robust and well-executed, with data analysis performed systematically and consistently.
- d) 16–20 points: Research is conducted with precision, and the methodology is consistent and well-structured. The research meets exemplary scientific standards.

The final score is a weighted sum of quantitative (30%) and qualitative (70%) points, the maximum number of points that can be collected is 100. As there is no upper limit to the quantitative points, the highest number of collected points will be treated as 30 and others normalized proportionally. For example, if the top applicant has collected 8 points, they will be normalized to 30, and if another has received 6 points they will be normalized as such:  $6/8 \cdot 30 = 22.5$ . In qualitative evaluation the maximum amount of points is 60 and the final score weight is 70%, as such, if an applicant has received 45 points in qualitative evaluation, their qualitative score will be calculated as such:  $70/60 \cdot 45 = 52.5$ . A couple more examples are presented below.

Example 1:

You have received 9 points in quantitative evaluation, this is the highest amount of points out of all applicants. In qualitative evaluation you have received the maximum amount of points, 60 out of 60. Final score =  $9/9 \cdot 30 + 70/60 \cdot 60 = 100$ .

Example 2:

You have received 5 points in quantitative evaluation, the highest number of points out of all applicants is 9. In qualitative evaluation you have received 42 points out of 60. Final score =  $5/9 \cdot 30 + 70/60 \cdot 42 = 65.6$ .