

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

All applications submitted under the ACAI Call for Ageing- Research and Innovation 2025 will be evaluated by *double-blinded review* based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance and Strategic Fit — The importance of the proposed project (40%)

- Alignment with ACAI's 5-year Strategic Plan and ASEAN priorities on active ageing.
- Significance of the issue addressed within one or more of ACAI's priority research and innovation areas.
- Potential to contribute evidence-based recommendations or innovative solutions to active ageing challenges in ASEAN.
- Inclusion of older persons and stakeholders in the design and conduct of the project.
- Anticipated influence on policy, practice, and future ageing research across ASEAN Member States.

2. Feasibility — The quality of the plan to achieve outcomes (40%)

- Clarity and soundness of the research or innovation methodology.
- Realistic timeline and well-structured work plan to complete the project within the 2025–2026 timeframe.
- Appropriateness and justification of the budget.
- Project readiness, including the capacity to secure relevant ethical clearances, if applicable.
- Collaboration strategies with key stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and ageing-focused institutions or cross-country or multidisciplinary partnerships.

3. Capability — The strength of the team and institutional support (20%)

- Expertise and qualifications of the Principal Investigator and core team members.
- Multidisciplinary and cross-country collaboration, especially involving multiple ASEAN Member States.
- Evidence of past work in ageing-related research, innovation, or community engagement.
- Commitment to inclusion, particularly the engagement of women, older persons, and vulnerable groups.
- Institutional commitment and capacity to support research, innovation, and knowledge mobilization.

Scoring Guide

Reviewers will assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the following descriptors:

Score	Description
4.50–5.00	Very Good – Excellent
4.00–4.49	Good – Very Good
3.00–3.99	Satisfactory – Good
<3.00	Unsatisfactory

Each criterion must receive a minimum score of 3.0 to be considered for funding. Final scores will be calculated based on the assigned weights.

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