

HHS Entrepreneur-in-Residence Project Evaluation Criteria

Part 1: Project Criteria

- Is the project a high priority for the participating HHS Operating Division or Staff Division with the potential to have a major impact upon the organization? Does the project address one of the most pressing challenges at HHS, and does it have the potential to create a culture of innovation at HHS?
- Does the project demonstrate a leap in creativity and risk-taking?
- Does the project have a clear and well-developed problem statement?
- Does the project have strong support from the Operating or Staff Division leadership? Does the project have committed funding from the participating Operating or Staff Division to support the External Entrepreneur-in-Residence and to implement the project during and after the External Entrepreneur-in-Residence departs?
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- Does the project have a strong proposed solution for addressing the problem? Can the proposed solution be implemented in 6-12 months?
- What is the evidence that bringing in an External Entrepreneur-in-Residence will benefit the project and HHS? Will an External Entrepreneur-in-Residence bring novel skill sets to the project team that are not available within HHS and are critical to project completion? Does the project team have a clear vision for working with an External Entrepreneur-in-Residence?

Part 2: Team Criteria

- Are the proposed Internal Entrepreneurs recognized within their agency as leaders and experts in their field?
- Are the proposed Internal Entrepreneurs problem solvers capable of developing their visions into reality?
- Do the proposed Internal Entrepreneurs have leadership potential and the ability to work in a team?
- Do the proposed Internal Entrepreneurs have a previous track record of innovation within their field?



- Will the project lead be able to commit approximately 25% time to the project? Will the other internal team members commit sufficient time to the project?