

These criteria will be used by the Executive Committee to review and evaluate project proposals. Scoring is “yes/no/NA”. Any “no” responses requires follow-up conversation amongst Executive Committee members and/or solicitation of further information from the project lead.

Ethical Review

- A. In terms of producing the highest impact scholarship possible, is the proposed project consistent with the “intellectual merit” obligations of HWISE? (*see Section C of Authorship Principles*)
- B. In terms of promptly and appropriately disseminating results, is the proposed project consistent with the “broader impact” obligations of HWISE? (*see Section C of Authorship Principles*)
- C. In terms of supporting and mentoring junior scholars and ensuring fair representation of scholars from LMICs, is the proposed project consistent with the ethical commitments of HWISE?
- D. Can the proposed analyses proceed without further ethical review?

Scientific Review

- E. Were clear and testable hypotheses or research questions provided? (*see Section D of Project Proposal*)
- F. Were the scientific aims of the analysis clear and related to the hypotheses? (*see Section D of Project Proposal*)
- G. Is the proposed analysis unique, such that it does not duplicate or overlap with analyses proposed by other teams? (*see Projects Overview*)
- H. Are variables for analysis clearly specified? (*see Section K of Project Proposal*)
- I. Is there sufficient justification for using data from the sites or survey versions selected? (*see Sections K & L of Project Proposal*)
- J. Can the research question be sufficiently explored using available data?
- K. Is the scientific justification for the project adequate? (*see Section G of Project Proposal*)

Venue Review

- L. Is the proposed venue appropriate (e.g. scope, proposed by other groups)? (*see Section I of Project Proposal & Projects Overview*)
- M. Is the proposed analysis appropriate for the venue? (*see Section I of Project Proposal*)

Team Leadership/Mentorship Review

- N. Does the lead author have appropriate credentials?
- O. Does the lead author have the statistical knowledge to complete the proposed analyses?
- P. If no to any of the above, is there an appropriate team and mentorship plan in place so that the analysis and proposed publication can be successfully completed?
- Q. Have all potential HWISE co-authors been listed or contacted for potential collaboration? (*see Sections A & B of Project Proposal*)
- R. Considering the lead author’s previous HWISE publications and the consortium’s commitment to supporting junior scholars, is the authorship list problematic for any reason? (*see Projects Overview*)

Comments