## Peer Review: 2026 Future Leader Grants

## 7-Category Descriptor Scale

Grants of up to \$5,000 each are offered for early- to early-mid-career researchers and people with lived experience.

These grants focus on developing individual leadership skills, increasing potential for successful collaboration and building capabilities of emerging researchers, including those with lived experience. Category Highest Highest International Quality and Research Excellent Category Descriptor Highly Competitive Good Satisfactory Marginal Poor\* Performance Notes It is anticipated that only 1-5% of applications will fall into The panel regards these applications as in the The panel regards these applications as in the "strong The panel regards these applications as in the It is anticipated that approximately 50% of desire to fund" category. It is anticipated that applications will fall into categories 1, 2 or 3. this category. "absolutely must fund" category. It is anticipated that 5-"fundable" category, budgetary restrictions aside. 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