

Avant Foundation Member Grants 2026 – Large grant assessment criteria

	Category	Sub-Category	Criteria	1 = Not evident	2 = Fair	3 = Excellent	Weighting	Score out of 3	Weighted Score
Applicant	Esteem	Academia and Career	Applicant has distinguished academic/career history – relevant to career stage	Poor academic/career history	Good academic/career history	Outstanding academic/career history	10%	3	0.3
		Research Experience	Quality research experience – relevant to career stage	Limited examples of quality experience or scholarly research experience	Some examples of quality experience or scholarly research experience	Several examples of quality experience or scholarly research experience	10%	3	0.3
		Profile	Applicant history of speaking engagements, prizes and awards – relevant to career stage	Low-profile or single conference or speaking presentation and/or relevant prizes or awards	Moderate-profile conference or speaking presentations and/or relevant prizes or awards	High-profile conference or speaking presentations and/or relevant prizes or awards	10%	3	0.3
Project	Topic	Rationale	Project has a clear rationale with the nature and significance of the problem clearly explained	Unclear rationale	Moderately clear rationale	Clear rationale	10%	3	0.3
		Literature	Application demonstrates that the project is well informed by literature	Partially informed by literature	Moderately informed by literature	Well informed by literature	5%	3	0.15
		Innovation	The project is new and innovative	Not innovative	Moderately innovative	Innovative	5%	3	0.15
	Outcomes	Significance	The project has significant potential to advance medicine	Limited potential to advance medicine	Moderate potential to advance medicine	Significant potential to advance medicine	15%	3	0.45
		Importance	The problem that the project is seeking to address is important	The problem that the project is seeking to address is not important	The problem that the project is seeking to address is somewhat important	The problem that the project is seeking to address is important	10%	3	0.3
		Impact	The proposed outcomes have been clearly articulated. <i>Please note, the outcomes do not need to be achieved during the grant period, however the proposed outcomes and impact of the work must be clear)</i>	Poorly articulated impact	Moderately articulated impact	Clearly articulated impact	5%	3	0.15
		Feasibility	It is feasible that the project can be completed	Concerns about feasibility	Moderately feasible	Feasible	5%	3	0.15
Budget	Reasonable budget	The research budget is reasonable for what is proposed	Not reasonable	Somewhat reasonable	Very reasonable	10%	3	0.3	
	Budget clarity	There is clarity in how the funding will be allocated (e.g. personnel, direct research, equipment)	Lack of clarity	Moderate clarity	Clarity	5%	3	0.15	
TOTAL							100%	3	