

NAM Catalyst Award Review Process

Applications submitted (on average, 500/year)

MARCH 2024*

Awardees selected

SEPTEMBER 2024*

Admin Review

- Conducted by NAM staff
- Criteria:
 - Eligibility
 - Relevance

All applications

Innovation Review (General)

- 3 reviewers/application
- Assign 1 overall rating (Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Do Not Fund) based on 4 criteria:
 - Innovation
 - Impact
 - Quality
 - Scope
- Add'l assessment of:
 - Level of risk
 - Level of reward
 - Potential to reduce health disparities

All applications except those eliminated in Admin Review

Innovation Review (VC)

- 1 venture capital or entrepreneur-type reviewer/application
- Complete full Innovation Review process

SME Review

- 2 reviewers/application
- Consider 2 criteria:
 - Technical merit
 - Feasibility
- Assign 1 overall rating (1-5 Likert scale)
- Provide qualitative comments

Finalist applications only (i.e., strongest 50-60 applications based on Innovation Review (General))

Selection Committee

- 15 SC members independently review all finalist applications w/ previous reviewer ratings
- Select top 10 most innovative, rank #1-10
- Consider previous criteria:
 - Innovation, impact, quality, scope
 - Level of risk & reward, health disparities
 - Technical merit & feasibility



*Dates subject to change based on number of applications received and other factors.