

Phase III Beamline Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Final Scoring

The evaluation criteria are grouped into three main categories: scientific case, user community and technical proposal, which will be independently evaluated, weighting 50, 25 and 25% respectively. In the following the three categories are expanded in sub-criteria, which can be used as a guideline for the proposals and presentations.

Scientific Case

- Strength of the scientific case
- Innovation contents, added value with respect to similar facilities
- Possibility of high-impact publications

User Community

- AUSE – Spanish community support
- International community support or foreseen interest
- Industrial users
- Training of young scientists

Technical Proposal

- Feasibility
- Maturity of the project
- Compatibility and synergy with the machine
- Synergy with existing ALBA expertise
- Cost and cost benefit

The scores for each assessment category are only a guide to the final overall judgment, which will summarize all relevant considerations. The final recommendation from the SAC will follow the following classification (with internal ranking if applicable):

A: should be considered for funding now if resources are available in Phase III;

B: should not be considered for funding in Phase III. The scientific case is strong enough so that a new proposal could be considered in the future if modified appropriately;

C: the proposal is deemed not feasible for technical reasons at the current time;

D: should not be considered for funding in Phase III and the scientific case does not warrant consideration in the near future round of proposals.