

2016 AHRTC call for submissions - Q&A

Question

Please clarify the purpose of the reference list requested in Criterion 2 of the CIRH Call for Submissions. Does this reference list have a page limit? Can the reference list include explanatory notes or annotations on the impact and significant of the publications?

Answer

NHMRC has specified that the format for references (eg: papers and publications) used to address Criterion 2 should include a list of all authors (see p.6). We recognise that listing all authors increases the amount of space required for referencing and to address this have asked groups to provide a single reference list that does not count towards the 4-page limit for the criterion. This is specified on page 6 of the call for submissions:

'When addressing Criterion 2, references should be included as a single list that does not count towards the page limit for the criterion".

All items in the reference list should be referred to by an in-text reference contained within the 4-page response to the criterion. All commentary on the contents of the reference list must be contained within the group's 4-page response to the criterion: the reference list must not include explanatory notes or annotations.

There is no specific page limit for the reference list. Applicants should recognise that the additional space was provided to ensure that references that would previously have been included within the 4-page limit for the criterion could be referenced with all authors. It is envisaged that only 1-2 pages would be required for the reference list, depending on the number of items with large lists of multiple authors.