Scoring Guide for PSF Applications

Highest scores go to people from low HDI (Human Development Index) regions and those where there are no MINT trainers

**B.1: underserved areas/clientele:**

0 points = no criteria present; high index region

1 point = Comes from a physical region that is underserved/underprivileged (ex. Central or South America, Africa, Russia—check the map on our website and MINT discount list)/has a lack of trainers available, either because there are few trainers available who speak the language, or who are close enough to travel to provide training given the resources available (ex. some parts of Europe, China, Northern Canada),

**OR**

the clientele is underserved (ex. Native populations, particular immigrant clientele).

2 points = Both situations are present

3 points = both situations are present and consideration is given to economically disadvantaged region.

**B. 2 Importance of attending THIS PARTICULAR TNT**

1 point = “Low” importance: elements such as “it is the right timing”; “help in getting a job”;

2 points = “Medium” importance: elements such as “changes in organizational structure, MI trainers needed for staff training and supervision” (if there are already other MINTies in that organization), “TNT in Europe/US, closer to home and therefore less expensive”

3 points = “High” importance: elements such as “necessity of having MI trainers in a certain geographical area; “changes in organizational structure, MI trainers needed for staff training and supervision” (if no other MINTies in that region);

“I have been accepted and this is the last one before I would have to re-apply”

“fees are equivalent to many months’ salary”

**B. 2 Importance of attending THIS PARTICULAR FORUM—not applicable for 2020**

1 point = “Low” importance: elements such as “it is important to attend the Forum every year”

2 points = “Medium” importance: elements such as “fairly new MINTie, want to connect with others” “TNT in Europe/US, closer to home and therefore less expensive”

3 points = “High” importance: elements such as “unable to attend the last few years, want to re-connect” have not attended in the last 4 years

**B.5 Reasons for asking for financial assistance**

1 point = Lack of agency support

2 points = Lack of agency support + “Low” personal hardship: elements such as:

* Minor business readjustment
* Minor change in financial state, minor financial problems
* Taking on a mortgage
* Spouse loses job or stops working

3 points = Lack of agency support + “High” personal hardship: elements such as

* Change in marital status (death of spouse, divorce, separation)
* Death of close family member
* Personal injury or illness
* Lost job
* Major business readjustment
* Major change in financial state, major financial problems; TNT/Forum equals several months’ salary
* Foreclosure of mortgage or loan

**B.6 Giving back to the community:**

1 point = Stated willingness to join committees or to give back to the community at large (not reserved for the MINT community) without remuneration.