

Selecting an Appropriate Evaluator: A Qualifications Checklist

The candidate evaluator or evaluation group should have the following attributes:

- ✍ Expertise in evaluation theory and methods
- ✍ Knowledge about the practice, program, or policy being studied
- ✍ Expertise in developing and implementing complex evaluations
- ✍ Ability to lead and manage a team of professionals from varied fields
- ✍ Substantive record of conducting similar studies and analyses
- ✍ Confirmed reputation for being a collaborator and working in a timely manner
- ✍✍ Skill in helping the funder identify goals and theories of change that guide investment (and, consequently, evaluation)
- ✍✍ Ability to develop data products that meet the funder's information needs and can be used to communicate with various audiences
- ✍✍ Flexibility to accommodate the changing needs of the program and the evaluation