

Step 1: Determine Your Shortlisting Criteria

- Work with your Talent Acquisition team to agree on the role's shortlisting criteria
- Sort criteria into two categories: essential and desirable

Step 2: Create A Unique Shortlisting Scorecard

- Create a standardized candidate scorecard to use for ranking candidates
- Assign values to each qualification based on its importance to that specific role
- Use this scorecard to objectively compare candidates' qualifications

Step 3: Determine The Size Of Your Applicant Shortlist

- Based on your existing recruiting cycle, identify your current conversions rates
- Application-to-interview conversion rate
- Interview-to-offer conversion rate
- Offer to accepted conversion rate
- Work backwards to determine the ideal number of candidates you will need to shortlist to fill the open position you are working on

Step 4: Screen Candidates And Evaluate The Resources You Need

- Determine the recruiting resources you will require to screen every single applicant
- How long does it take to manually screen one resume
- Based on that number, how many recruiters do you require to screen every applicant?
- Screen each applicant using your scorecard, use these totals to rank candidates
- Interview candidates beginning with the individuals that scored the highest
- Consider automating this process

Read more at <https://ideal.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Shortlisting-Criteria-Checklist-Final.pdf>

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