

Grant Proposal Scoring Rubric

Project Title:			Scored by		
	EXEMPLARY (3PTS)	ADEQUATE (2PTS)	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT (1PT)	MISSING (0PTS)	SCORE
Aims, Purpose, and Objectives	Clear Purpose; clearly defined, specific, measurable, and testable objectives listed	Adequate purpose; objectives listed but could be more fully explained	Purpose vague and/or objectives vague or untestable	No purpose or no objectives listed	
Rationale for the Project	Provides rationale in a well-structured, logical argument; plainly illustrates why it should be funded; puts project in context; explicitly relates project to applicant's unit's mission, objectives, and priorities	Provides rationale in a -structured fashion, satisfactory argument; illustrates why it should be funded; somewhat relates project to some of unit's mission, objectives, and priorities	Rationale presented in a weak or unstructured argument; lacks enough supporting information; too general: needs to show better relation to mission, objectives, and priorities of unit, college, or university	Rationale not articulated	
Literature Review	Provides a clear and thorough introduction and background; demonstrates how project is grounded in research; demonstrates knowledge of issues involved in project; synthesizes recent literature in project area; provides conceptual framework for project; well organized and engaging to read	Provides unclear introduction and/or background; moderately shows how project is grounded in research; mediocre knowledge of issues involved in project; somewhat synthesizes recent literature in project area; moderate conceptual framework for project; fairly organized and engaging to read	Introduction and/or background unclear; vaguely shows how project is grounded in research; unclear about knowledge of issues involved in project; fails to synthesize recent literature in project area; lacks conceptual framework for project; poorly organized	Introduction and/or background not provided	
Methods (Research Design)	Specific and comprehensive explanation of all the steps that will be required to complete the project Clearly and specifically states what applicant(s) will measure, how they will measure it, and why the measures are appropriate; includes detailed description of the data collection, instrumentation, and/or statistical methods to be used; clearly relates to and shows linkage to project objectives and outcomes	General but sufficiently detailed explanation of the steps that will be required to complete the project Generally: states what applicant(s) will measure, how they will measure it, and why the measures are appropriate; includes description of the data collection, instrumentation, and/or statistical methods to be used; relates to and shows linkage to project objectives and outcomes	Sketchy and non-specific about the steps required to complete the project Partially states what applicant(s) will measure, how they will measure it, and why the measures are appropriate; contains a vague description of the data collection, instrumentation, and/ or statistical methods to be used; vaguely relates to and shows linkage to project objectives and outcomes	Methods not provided Evaluation method not provided or fails to show linkage to project objectives	
Knowledge Dissemination: Campus and Field	Clearly describes the methods and steps necessary for disseminating research results campus-wide ; Clearly describes how the results will be communicated to the field; lists general types of journals/publications, conferences, etc.	Inarticulately describes the methods and steps necessary for disseminating research results campus-wide; Generally describes that the results will be communicated to the field; lists general types of journals/publications, conferences, etc...	Some information on knowledge dissemination but too vague or lacks specifics; commitment to knowledge dissemination unclear; may be too vague or lacks specifics regarding the field	Does not include plan for dissemination of knowledge	
Timeline	Provides a clear and realistic timeline of proposed project activities from start to finish; format of timeline is an annotated list of dates and activities	Timeline outlines activities adequately; format of timeline is a satisfactory annotated list of dates and activities	Timeline given but shows gaps, is disorganized, or lacks proper formatting	Timeline not given	
Budget Narrative	Budget items clearly support project activities and are reasonable and appropriate	Budget items support project activities and are rather reasonable and appropriate	Budget items vaguely support activities and/ or are seemingly reasonable and appropriate	Budget items vaguely support activities and are inappropriate	
21-18 needs minimal or no review; 17 - 14 needs some review; 13 - 9 needs review; 9 and below needs extensive review				TOTAL SCORE (MAX = 21)	

Grant Proposal Comments

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Aims, Purpose, and Objectives

Rationale for the Project

Literature Review

Methods (Research Design)

Knowledge Dissemination: Campus and Field

Timeline

Budget Narrative