

University Facilitating Fund Review Criteria

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

Research Proposals	Percentage of Total Score:	Scholarly Proposals	Percentage of Total Score:
Objectives/Specific Aims	10%	Research/Contribution	10%
Background/Significance	10%	Work Plan/Goals	10%
Research Plan/Methods	10%	Competencies/Access	10%
Results/Outcomes	15%	Final Product/Dissemination	25%
Likelihood to Obtain Extramural Funding	50%	Impact/External Recognition	40%
PI Qualifications	5%	PI Qualifications	5%
TOTAL	100%	TOTAL	100%

Scorecard for Research Proposals

Objectives/Specific Aims

- Outlines objectives/specific aims and expected outcomes clearly
- Are realistic taking into account available skills and expertise
- Are achievable within a year's time

Background/Significance

- Describes the importance of the proposed research in filling a gap of knowledge in the field
- Addresses how will this proposed project will complement, challenge or expand relevant studies
- Answers why the personnel involved are the best people to accomplish this

Research Plan/Methods

- Contains a statement and description of a problem/issue
- Describes the methods used to accomplish the goals stated in the Objectives/Specific Aims section
- Addresses how the PI will handle potential pitfalls

Results/Outcomes

- Discusses how the results of the proposed project relate to the overall goal of the proposal
- Addresses the next steps for this project once goals are achieved
- Results in a "product" (e.g., greater public awareness, new projects, new or improved systems, replicable models or research findings)

Likelihood to Obtain Extramural Funding

- Discusses specific, detailed plan to obtain extramural funding and how this project contributes to that plan.
- Topic of proposed project holds importance within one or more of the following: National Research Priorities, GW Research Initiatives, Federal or Foundation Priorities
- Once outcomes are achieved, the PI will be in an ideal position to apply for extramural funding

PI Qualifications

- Demonstrates PI's experience necessary to complete this project
- Describes PI's success in previous research endeavors

Scorecard for Scholarly Proposals

Research/Contribution

- Challenges, complements and/or expands related and relevant studies in the field
- Are realistic taking into account available skills and expertise

Work Plan/Goals

- Details how previous work in this field has led to the activities proposed
- Activities and work schedule are clearly outlined and are achievable within a year's time

Competencies/Access

- Demonstrates significant competency in the field and/or indicates how and where potential knowledge gaps exist and how to overcome them
- Answers why the personnel involved are the best people to accomplish this
- Addresses how the PI will handle potential pitfalls

Final Product/Dissemination

- Discusses how the results of the proposed project relate to the overall goal of the proposal
- Addresses the next steps for this project once goals are achieved
- Results in a "product" (e.g., publication, full-length production or a similarly significant scholarly outcome)

Impact/External Recognition

- Topic of proposed project holds importance within one or more of the following: National Research Priorities, GW Research Initiatives, Federal or Foundation Priorities
- Once the final product is produced, the PI will be in an ideal position to publish with prominent presses or receive significant recognition within their field

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- Demonstrates PI's experience necessary to complete this project
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