University Facilitating Fund
Review Criteria

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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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