

University Enrichment Committee - Evaluation of Student Research Award proposals

Student Investigator: _____ Advisor(s): _____

Research Topic: _____

Amount Requested: _____

TOTAL SCORE: ____/26

Summary recommendation: **Definitely fund** **Fund if possible** **Do not fund**

Assign a whole number score (i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 0 if missing) for each:

Student's background/preparedness:

Score: ____/5

1. Award proposal provides little evidence that the student is prepared to conduct this research.
3. Award proposal provides adequate evidence that the student is prepared to conduct this research.
5. Award proposal provides strong evidence that the student is well prepared to conduct this research.

Comments:

Research proposal: Background/introduction, Rationale/objectives/goals

Score: ____/5

1. Research purpose lacks significance or the provided rationale is not directly related to the proposed research.
3. Research purpose is significant and the rationale is clearly related to the proposed research.
5. Research purpose is highly significant and likely to generate new knowledge in the field. The rationale is tightly focused on the proposed research.

Comments:

Research proposal: Research plan/methods of study/techniques and instrumentation

Score: ____/5

1. Study methods are not clearly defined or are inappropriate for this project or their appropriateness to the stated purpose is not articulated.
3. Study methods are adequately defined and appropriate to the stated purpose.
5. Study methods are detailed and clearly defined and convincingly address the project's purpose.

Comments:

Communicating findings:

Score: ____/3

1. Communication plan is vague.
3. Communication plan is clear, specific and doable.

Comments:

Budget:

Score: ____/3

1. Budget expenses lack justification and/or are not detailed and/or fall outside UEC guidelines.
 3. Budget expenses are detailed and justified and fall inside UEC guidelines.*
- *For requests that exceed the \$500 UEC maximum: The proposal explicitly and convincingly explains how the student will complete the proposed research and what funds will be used to cover all expenses.

Comments:

Letter of support from the research advisor:

Score: ____/5

1. Expresses minimal support and/or little student preparation/feasibility to conduct proposed project.
3. Expresses support and adequate student preparation/feasibility to conduct proposed project.
5. Expresses strong unqualified support and exemplary student preparation/feasibility to conduct proposed project.

Comments:

Check each application requirement that **IS MISSING** from the proposal:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Summary or abstract | <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of background/preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Research proposal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bibliography | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication findings | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRB approval documentation (or evidence of progress toward approval) if human subjects are involved | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IACUC approval letter (or evidence of progress toward approval) if nonhuman vertebrate subjects are involved | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from the research advisor | | |