Award Proposal Scoring Rubric

Criterion	Excellent 4	Very Good 3	Needs Improvement 2	No Evidence 1	Notes/Comments
Intellectual Merit/ Significance	Project addresses an important issue in the field Project's results will advance our current knowledge about the topic Project describes the anticipated implications of the findings for practice, policy, and research, including the impact of the findings on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion	Project addresses an important issue in the field Project's results have the potential to advance our current knowledge about the topic Project describes the anticipated implications of the findings for practice, policy, and research, including the impact of the findings on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion somewhat	Project addresses an important issue in the field but in a limited way Project's results will advance our current knowledge about the topic, but in a limited way Project describes the anticipated implications of the findings for practice, policy, and research, including the impact of the findings on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion but in a limited way	There is no discussion of the importance of why this topic needs to be investigated No discussion of how the project's results will advance our current knowledge about the topic Project does not describe the anticipated implications of the findings for practice, policy, and research, including the impact of the findings on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion	

Innovation/Originality	Project challenges our current knowledge about the topic Project uses different approaches or methods than have been used in the past to research the topic Project demonstrates a new way of thinking about the topic	Project challenges our current knowledge about the topic somewhat Project is an improvement upon the methods used in previous studies or creative works and is innovative Project demonstrates a new way of thinking about the topic somewhat	Project challenges our current knowledge about the topic, but in a limited way Project is an improvement upon the methods used in previous studies or creative works, but does not seem to be innovative Project demonstrates a new way of thinking about the topic, but in a limited manner	Project does not challenge our current knowledge about the topic No innovation described or specific potential improvement defined Project does not demonstrate a new way of thinking about the topic	
Methodology/ Approach	Overall, the methods or approach (e.g., data analysis, data collection procedures) are well-reasoned for the aims of the project For collaborative multidisciplinary awards, the project demonstrates how	Overall, the methods or approach (e.g., data analysis, data collection procedures) are somewhat well-reasoned for the aims of the project For collaborative multidisciplinary awards, the project demonstrates how interdisciplinary	Overall, the methods or approach (e.g., data analysis, data collection procedures) are not well-reasoned for the aims of the project For collaborative multidisciplinary awards, it is unclear how the project demonstrates how	No discussion of how the methods or approach (e.g., data analysis, data collection procedures) are appropriate for the aims of the project For collaborative multidisciplinary awards, there is no discussion of how	

	interdisciplinary perspectives inform the work	perspectives inform the work somewhat	interdisciplinary perspectives inform the work	interdisciplinary perspectives inform the work	
Broader Impact	Project has the potential to increase our understanding of the issue locally or globally Project will have an impact on the communities in which the university resides Project will have an impact on how other disciplines will study the topic The dissemination plans are clearly described	Project has some potential to increase our understanding of the issue locally or globally Project will have some impact on the communities in which the university resides Project will have some impact on how other disciplines will study the topic The dissemination plans are described somewhat	Project has limited potential to increase our understanding of the issue locally or globally Project will have little impact on the communities in which the university resides Project will have little impact on how other disciplines will study the topic The dissemination plans are described, but in a limited manner	Project does not have the potential to increase our understanding of the issue locally or globally Project will have no impact on the communities in which the university resides Project will have no impact on how other disciplines will study the topic The dissemination plans are not described	
Potential for Extramural Funding	Project has a strong potential for extramural funding and the proposer(s)	Project has a good potential for extramural funding and the proposer(s)	Project has a some potential for extramural funding, despite some	Project has little potential for extramural funding due to	

	identified several potential funders	identified several potential funders	shortcomings identified by the reviewer	the shortcomings identified by the reviewer	

Total Score: _____

In reflecting on the budget request, how reasonable/adequate is the budget for achieving the project outcomes?

Funding for the project seems reasonable.

Funding for the project seems inadequate.

Funding for the project seems overestimated.

If funding seems overestimated, where would you recommend modifications?

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Recommendation for Funding: Based on the above criteria, the project is likely to achieve its goals within the time frame designated for project completion.	**Fund this proposal:** At least three of the criteria were rated "Excellent" with the other two criteria rated as "Very Good." No criteria are rated as "Needs Improvement" or "No Evidence."	**Consider this proposal:** At least two criteria were rated as "Excellent;" at least one was rated as "Very Good;" and no more than one criterion was rated as "Needs Improvement" or "No Evidence." With feedback, the proposer(s) could improve the project.	**Do not fund this proposal in its current form:** More than one criterion was rated as "Needs Improvement" or "No evidence." With feedback, the proposer(s) could revise the project for consideration in future award cycles.

Please provide your rationale for why this proposal should be (1) funded, (2) considered, or (3) not funded:

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Comments to the Administrator:

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