

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

For Research and Creative Projects

Research

1. Intellectual merit
 - Does the proposal have a clear and specific research question/artistic goal?
 - Has the student demonstrated engagement with scholarly literature on the topic?
 - Does the proposal make a compelling argument for why the research question should be investigated or creative project carried out?
2. Research design/artistic technique
 - Is the method/technique appropriate for the research question?
 - Has the student clearly outlined the activities they will undertake for data collection or achieving artistic goals?
 - Can the proposed activity be carried out within the indicated time frame?
3. Researcher's credentials
 - Does student have requisite skills to carry out the proposed research or creative project?
 - If the project involves research, has the student taken a research methods or lab course, taken course(s) that may be related to proposed research/creative endeavor, or discussed proposed project with a faculty mentor?
4. Applicant's goals
 - Does student discuss how proposed research relates to and/or advances their academic plans?
 - Does student have a plan to present research findings (campus, regional, national, or international forums)?
 - Does student have plan to publish research findings (campus journals and/or professional disciplinary journals), either as first author or co-author?
5. Budget
 - Does the student adequately explain and justify the project's costs?
 - Are the budget items appropriate?
 - Is there evidence that the applicant has compared prices to improve the project's cost-effectiveness?