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Faculty Scholarship Grant Program
Scientific Merit Scoring Rubric [Version: 07/27/2017]

GRADES	DEFINITIONS
3	Exceptional/Outstanding: Substantially above expected/average - virtually no deficiencies
2	Very Good: Above expected/average with few deficiencies
1	Adequate/Acceptable: Expected/Average with some deficiencies
0	Inadequate/Substandard: Below expected/average with many deficiencies

PI:
 TITLE:

REVIEWER:

* Written Comments Required

TOTAL SCORE (OUT OF 100)

WEIGHTING	GRADE	SCORE
100.00	0, 1, 2, or 3	0.00
5%		
5	0	0
20%		
10	0	0
10	0	0
25%		
20	0	0
5	0	0
45%		
15	0	0
10	0	0
5	0	0
10	0	0
5	0	0

Category 1: ABSTRACT

A To what extent does the abstract accurately, completely, and concisely summarize the proposed research project (Max. word count = 500)?

Comments*:

Category 2: BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PROJECT

A To what extent is the cited literature accurate and sufficiently comprehensive based on the research proposed?

B To what extent will the completion of the proposed research address the stated research problem/gap in knowledge and contribute to the current body of scientific knowledge in the area(s) relevant to the project?

Comments*:

Category 3: PURPOSE, HYPOTHESES, AIMS, OBJECTIVES

A To what extent is/are the purpose, hypotheses, aims, and/or objectives of the proposed research specific, clear, and relevant?

B To what extent is/are the purpose, hypotheses, aims, and/or objectives of the proposed research realistic and achievable given the proposed timeline and budget?

Comments*:

Category 4: METHODS/MATERIALS, OUTCOME MEASURES, DATA ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT AND RESULTS ANALYSIS

A To what extent is the research design and methods/materials appropriate and adequately explained/justified for the proposed research?

B To what extent are the subject sampling/selection/recruitment methods appropriate for the proposed research?

C To what extent are the selected outcome measure(s) appropriate and justified for the proposed research?

D To what extent are the proposed methods of data collection, reduction, and analysis or evaluation/assessment appropriate for the proposed research (and for quantitative studies, to what extent have the authors described the validity and reliability of the measurement tools)?

E To what extent are the methods, including subject recruitment and data collection and analysis, feasible within the proposed timeline of the study?

Comments*:				
Category 5: BUDGET		5%		
	A To what extent are the budget items fully described and justified given the stated purpose/aims of the proposed research?	5	0	0
Comments*:				
Category 6: OVERALL IMPRESSION OF PROPOSAL (not weighted)				
	A 3: Exceptional/Outstanding			
	2: Very Good			
	1: Adequate/Acceptable			
	0: Inadequate/Substandard		0	
	B Strengths of the Proposal*			
	C Weaknesses of the Proposal*			