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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

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TITLE:

REVIEWER:

* Written Comments Required	WEIGHTING	GRADE	SCORE
TOTAL SCORE (OUT OF 100)	100.00	0, 1, 2, or 3	0.00
Category 1: ABSTRACT	5%		
A To what extent does the abstract accurately, completely, and concisely summarize the proposed research project (Max. word count = 500)?	5	0	0
Comments*:			
Category 2: BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PROJECT	20%		
A To what extent is the cited literature accurate and sufficiently comprehensive based on the research proposed?	10	0	0
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?	10	0	0
Comments*:			
Category 3: PURPOSE, HYPOTHESES, AIMS, OBJECTIVES	25%		
A To what extent is/are the purpose, hypotheses, aims, and/or objectives of the proposed research specific, clear, and relevant?	20	0	0
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?	5	0	0
Comments*:			
Category 4: METHODS/MATERIALS, OUTCOME MEASURES, DATA ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT AND RESULTS ANALYSIS	45%		
A To what extent is the research design and methods/materials appropriate and adequately explained/justified for the proposed research?	15	0	0
B To what extent are the subject sampling/selection/recruitment methods appropriate for the proposed research?	10	0	0
C To what extent are the selected outcome measure(s) appropriate and justified for the proposed research?	5	0	0
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)?	10	0	0
E To what extent are the methods, including subject recruitment and data collection and analysis, feasible within the proposed timeline of the study?	5	0	0

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

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B **Strengths of the Proposal***

C **Weaknesses of the Proposal***