

	3 = Exceptional	2 = Satisfactory	1 = Poor	0 = Absent
Introduction (Context/Background)	<p>Specific background information provides a context for why the current project/question is being investigated</p> <p>Clear that student has firm grasp on relevant concepts</p>	<p>General background information is provided but link to current project/question is adequate</p> <p>Describes research trends that are clearly related to proposed work</p>	<p>Vague discussion of background information Lack of understanding or effort</p> <p>No attempt at linking background information to current project/question Background information provided are unrelated to proposed work</p>	<p>No background information provided</p>
Research Question or Objectives	<p>Specific research question is clearly articulated OR objectives of the project are clearly stated/described</p>	<p>The question or objectives are comprehensible but need further clarification or refinement</p>	<p>The question or objectives are insinuated but are not explicitly stated</p>	<p>No question or objectives provided</p>
Methodology and Project Design	<p>Methodology and project design are clearly described</p> <p>Approach is clearly appropriate for the project</p>	<p>Basic methodology and project design are described in very general terms and with little detail</p> <p>Further clarification needed to determine if approach is appropriate for the project</p>	<p>Methodology and project design are not explicitly stated but there are statements inferring some kind of methodological approach OR they are stated, but major gaps exist</p>	<p>No methodology or project design provided</p>
Mechanics/ Grammar/ Spelling	<p>Proposal is written clearly, logically, and intelligently, with no errors in spelling or grammar</p>	<p>Proposal is written clearly, logically, and intelligently, but with some errors in spelling or grammar OR proposal has no errors in spelling or grammar, but contains some lack of clarity</p>	<p>Proposal is unclear and illogical OR contains many errors in spelling or grammar</p>	<p>Proposal is poorly written AND contains many errors in spelling or grammar</p> <p>Number and seriousness of errors add confusion to proposal</p>

		Errors don't represent a major distraction	Number and seriousness of errors distract from proposal	
Itemized Budget	Budget is clear and detailed, including unit price, total price, and shipping costs for each item	Budget is somewhat clear and detailed, including unit price, total price, and shipping costs for each item, but missing some key information	Some limited details on items or services to be purchased provided, cost estimates appear to be arbitrary	No budget provided

Additional Questions:

- 1) Based on the following definitions of undergraduate research, do you feel that the proposed project is appropriate for funding through the Office of Undergraduate Research?**

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) defines undergraduate research as “An inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.”

The Arts and Humanities Division of CUR expands this definition to better define undergraduate research in these disciplines: Undergraduate research in the arts and humanities is student-driven, faculty-mentored inquiry, scholarly investigation, and/or creative activity. The undergraduate researcher’s work may contribute to outcomes including, but not limited to, individual or collaborative analytical writing; oral presentation; small analytical products; works of visual art; compilations of scholarship; exhibits; musical compositions; plays; performance; public scholarship; and/or peer-reviewed publication. Whatever the research product, its value is generally weighed by standards specific to experts in the field, whether jurors, editors, or reviewers.

- 2) What is your overall recommendation for funding of this project?**
- a. **Highly recommend funding**
 - b. **Recommend if funds are available**
 - c. **Recommend with major revisions**
 - d. **Do not recommend**
- 3) If answered “recommend with major revisions” to Question 2, please provide details.**
- 4) Please provide comments or recommendations for improvement or feedback for the student(s).**