

# Undergraduate Research Award Scoring Rubric

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	Poor	Insufficient	Adequate	Exceptional
<b>Background/Description</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Synthesized but with minimal or no discussion - Minimally relates to project - Goals are not reasonable or stated clearly  Score: 3	- Synthesized in support of the project's hypothesis - Questions are raised to support the project - Includes goals that are reasonable and clearly stated  Score: 6	- Includes significant information from the field of study - Thoroughly analyzed - Impressive depth of insight/analysis  Score: 9
<b>Hypothesis/Question/Creative Exploration</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Vague or not a focus of proposal  Score: 2	- Stated clearly - Predicts a relationship or trend - Gives specific direction to the prediction  Score: 4	- Viable, critical question - Rationale is provided  Score: 6
<b>Methodology or Process</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Not clearly or completely developed - Needs further explanation  Score: 2	- Clearly stated - Related to the specific disciplinary field - Follows standard procedures  Score: 4	- Presents a new concept or unique way of examining the question or hypothesis  Score: 6
<b>Timeline</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Unreasonable - Not achievable within the term of the award  Score: 2	- Reasonable - Achievable within the term of the award  Score: 4	
<b>Significance</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Not novel or innovate  Score: 2	- Describes how project will advance the field  Score: 4	- Novel and innovative  Score: 6
<b>Curricular/Career Interests</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Link between the project and curricular/career interests is not clear - May not contribute to the advancement of student's knowledge  Score: 2	- Clear link between the project and curricular/career interests - Will contribute to advancement of student's knowledge, skills, and abilities  Score: 4	- Will significantly contribute to student's knowledge, skills, and abilities  Score: 6
<b>References</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Minimal references provided - Weak or does not provide direct support of the project  Score: 1	- Meaningful references are provided - References directly support the project  Score: 2	
<b>Budget</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Includes some unreasonable requests  Score: 2	- Reasonable - Supplies requested are directly related to the project  Score: 4	
<b>Mentor Feedback</b>	Poor quality or missing  Score: 0	- Indicates minimal or weak support of the project  Score: 2	- Indicates support of project - Describes strengths of the student and their ability to complete the project  Score: 4	- Indicates strong support of the project  Score: 6
<b>General Impressions</b>	This project should not be funded  Score: 0	- Project needs more development - May or may not support funding for this project  Score: 2	- Project is strong - This project should be funded  Score: 4	- Project is truly exceptional - Highly recommend funding this project  Score: 6