

## College of Ag Sciences Undergraduate Research Proposal Rubric

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_

| Criteria                                   | Exceptional                                                                                                                                                              | Very Good                                                                                                                                                                                            | Average                                                                                                                                   | Fair                                                                                | Poor                                                  | Score         |
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| <b>Introduction and Background</b>         | (25) The introduction and background of the project are clearly stated and described in a compelling manner.                                                             | (20) The introduction and background of the project are described well but could benefit from minor fine-tuning.                                                                                     | (15) The introduction and background of the project are comprehensible but need further refinement/clarification.                         | (10) The introduction and background are present but need significant improvement.  | (0) The introduction and background are non-existent. | Out of 25 pts |
| <b>Project Objectives and Significance</b> | (25) Project Objectives and Significance are clear, concise, and easy to understand. Even a non-specialist can understand the purpose and/or topic that will be studied. | (20) Project Objectives and Significance are clear and easy to understand but contain some un-defined field-specific terminology that made the proposal less understandable or accessible to reader. | (15) Project Objectives and Significance are generally adequate but some aspects are vague and need further clarification or explanation. | (10) Project Objectives and Significance are vague and generally not easy to follow | (0) Project Objectives and Significance are unclear.  | Out of 25 pts |

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| <b>Methodology, Design and Analysis</b>                             | (25) The proposal clearly describes the methodology, design, procedures and plans for data analysis. Based on their description, the approach is appropriate for the project and manageable.        | (20) The proposal describes the methodology, design, procedures and plans for data analysis but further fine-tuning/ explanation is necessary. Otherwise, the approach seems appropriate and manageable.  | (15) The proposal outlines the methodology, design, procedures and plans for data analysis but further clarifications are necessary as to how these are appropriate or manageable.                                                                                  | (10) The proposal does not explicitly describe the methodology, design, procedures and plans for data analysis but there are statements inferring some kind of methodological approach.                                             | (0) The proposal is lacking any explicit or implicit description of methodology, design, procedures and plans for data analysis. | Out of 25 pts |
| <b>Overall completion of the application and quality of writing</b> | (25) The proposal meets all established criteria and guidelines. Statements are written clearly, logically and intelligibly, with no errors in spelling or grammar. An itemized budget is included. | (20) The proposal meets all established criteria and guidelines. Statements are written clearly, logically and intelligibly but have minor errors in spelling or grammar. An itemized budget is included. | (15) The proposal meets all established criteria and guidelines. Statements are written logically and intelligibly but have numerous errors; or few errors but lack clarity and a high quality of writing. An itemized budget is included but requires adjustments. | (10) The proposal meets all established criteria and but guidelines and instructions were not followed. Statements are are not written logically and have frequent errors. An itemized budget is included but requires adjustments. | (0) The proposal does not meet all established criteria and guidelines. An itemized budget is not included.                      | Out of 25 pts |
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**Weighted Consideration:** Has this student received the award previously? Y / N

**Reviewer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_