

Funding Application Evaluation: Undergraduate Research Support

	Score
Criterion 1: Alignment with Program Objectives: advances a research, creative endeavor, or experiential project aligned with the student's field of study and development of skills or knowledge related to that field; utilize coursework and skills to actively enhance the academic or social experience for member of the campus community and the communities UWG serves; promote and enhance student expertise and practical/hands-on opportunities at UWG and in the community. - <i>Score 3 (Totally Aligned):</i> The application completely aligns with all three goals of the program. - <i>Score 2 (Highly Aligned):</i> The application clearly demonstrates a strong alignment with two of the three goals of the program. - <i>Score 1 (Moderately Aligned):</i> The application shows clear alignment with one of the three goals of the program. - <i>Score 0 (Not Aligned):</i> The application lacks alignment with the stated goals and objectives of the program.	
Criterion 2: Alignment with the following Research Objectives: the project identifies the role of the faculty mentor, identifies the work the student is doing, has a clearly defined research component, and has a clear research dissemination plan - <i>Score 3 (Totally Aligned):</i> The application completely aligns with all four objectives. - <i>Score 2 (Highly Aligned):</i> The application clearly demonstrates alignment with three of the four objectives. - <i>Score 1 (Moderately Aligned):</i> The application shows clear alignment with two of the four objectives. - <i>Score 0 (Not Aligned):</i> The application aligns with one or less of the stated objectives.	
Criterion 3: Alignment with Budget Appropriateness Protocols: proposal clearly outlines a budget, provides a well-defined plan for spending funds to a prescribed schedule, explicitly states how the budget supports student work, provides justification for all budget line items (student labor, materials, and supplies) - <i>Score 3 (Totally Aligned):</i> The application completely aligns with all four budget protocols. - <i>Score 2 (Highly Aligned):</i> The application clearly demonstrates alignment with three of the four budget protocols. - <i>Score 1 (Moderately Aligned):</i> The application shows clear alignment with two of the four budget protocols. - <i>Score 0 (Not Aligned):</i> The application aligns with one or less of the budget protocols.	
Criterion 4: Alignment with Feasibility and Accountability: proposal provides a clear plan for either project completion or meeting benchmarks for ongoing projects, proposal clearly articulates how both the student and faculty mentor contribute to project workflow, clearly identifies the skills the project will foster in the student - <i>Score 3 (Totally Aligned):</i> The application completely aligns with all three feasibility and accountability areas. - <i>Score 2 (Highly Aligned):</i> The application clearly demonstrates alignment with two of the three feasibility and accountability areas. - <i>Score 1 (Moderately Aligned):</i> The application shows clear alignment with one of the three feasibility and accountability areas - <i>Score 0 (Not Aligned):</i> The application does not align with any of the feasibility and accountability areas.	
TOTAL	

The total score can be calculated by adding the scores for each criterion, with a maximum possible score of 12. Applications can be categorized as follows based on their total scores:

- **Score 9-12 (Highly Recommended):** The application aligns well with the objectives, is feasible and appropriate, and adheres to the prescribed timeline and accountability standards.
- **Score 5-8 (Moderate Consideration):** The application may need some improvements in alignment, feasibility, or timeliness.

- Score 0-4 (Not Recommended): The application does not meet the requirements and objectives outlined in the project description.

This rubric will be used to assess and prioritize applications for funding, ensuring that the chosen projects align with the goals and objectives of the opportunity.