

The selection committee will assess the student's application based on the following criteria.

<i>Proposal Criteria & Rating Rubric</i>	<i>Evaluation</i>
<i>Alignment with Award Goals:</i> Does the application address the objectives of the fund(s)? (If no; not considered.)	YES NO
<i>Need/Justification:</i> How well is the project need described (1) and what is its importance/relevance to the discipline (1)?	2 points
<i>Goals/Objectives:</i> How clear are the goals/objectives and are they appropriate for the project?	1 point
<i>Research Plan:</i> Is the approach/methodology to be utilized to implement the research well described (1), matching the objectives (1), and valid (1)? What is the overall soundness of the proposed approach (1)? Does it demonstrate creativity (1)?	5 points
<i>Timeline:</i> Is the timeline viable? Is enough detail provided to assess how the project will progress?	1 point
<i>Budget:</i> Is the budget clear, appropriate; to what extent will the award fund the project? Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget chart specifying costs (1) ○ Budget narrative explaining each project expense (1) ○ Explanation of any other funding sources received to help fund project (1) ○ Explanation of how essential receiving an award is to completion of project (1) 	4 points
<i>Recommendation:</i> Is there a strong supporting letter from student's research project advisor?	2 points