

Scholarly Creative Grant

Evaluation Criteria

Rubric for Project Proposal

Criteria	1 (poor)	2 (fair)	3 (good)	4 (very good)	5 (excellent)
Intellectual Merit	Proposal lacks clear research or creative inquiry; questions and significance are unclear or weak.	Some indication of inquiry and significance, but lacks depth or clarity in broader impact.	Research or creative inquiry is generally clear with moderate articulation of significance and broader impact, though some aspects could be strengthened.	Clear research or creative inquiry with good articulation of significance and impact.	Exceptional clarity and depth of inquiry; significance and broader intellectual impact well articulated.
Originality, Innovation, and Significance	Project is routine or derivative with little to no novelty or significance; no attempt is made at situating the project in the broader context of the discipline.	Some original elements present but limited innovation or broader impact described; does not completely situate the work in the context of the discipline.	Demonstrates some originality and innovation with moderate significance; background situates the work though with minor gaps or weaknesses.	Demonstrates originality and innovation with clear significance to field/discipline/community; the background is adequate but has some flaws	Highly original and innovative; project provides sufficient background (including citing relevant literature as needed) to situate the work and advances knowledge or offers new perspectives with strong significance.
Feasibility and Planning	Project scope unrealistic or poorly planned; budget not well articulated; lacks clear timeline or goals; unlikely to finish in funding period.	Some planning evident but with unrealistic elements or unclear timeline/steps.	Project is planned with generally realistic scope and timeline; most goals are clear and achievable, though some details may need refinement. Budget is largely aligned but has elements not aligned with work.	Well-planned project with realistic scope, timeline, and articulated goals; likely completable.	Exceptionally thorough and realistic planning with detailed timeline and achievable goals. Budget is well articulated and well aligned with proposal.