

RATING SYSTEM FOR FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS (FRGP)

The following criteria are used in evaluating proposals submitted to the Faculty Research Committee. Each committee member rates each eligible proposal in the following six areas. The maximum number of points that can be awarded in each area is indicated in parentheses.

1. Description of Project (25 points)

A clear statement of the problem or activity is contained in the proposal.

There is adequate justification for the project.

There is an adequate review of the literature or other evidence to support the need for the project.

There are adequate and appropriate references.

2. Significance of the Project and Intellectual Merit (25 points)

The project is of significance and clearly demonstrates intellectual merit.

The project is of significance and clearly demonstrates broader impact.

3. Plan of Action (25 points)

An effective plan of management is in place that ensures proper and efficient administration of the project.

The step-by-step plan will ensure that the objectives are met.

There are adequate measures to ensure compliance with human subjects and laboratory animals committees.

The plan of action is adequate as applied to such factors as data gathering and analysis.

4. Personal Qualifications of Investigator (5 points)

The project director is qualified to conduct the project.

Other personnel (if applicable) are appropriate and adequate.

5. Dissemination Plan (10 points)

The dissemination plan is adequate and appropriate.

There are possibilities for publication or presentation of project results, or the possibilities of preparing a proposal for external support are discussed.

6. Budget (10 points)

The budget for the project is adequate to support the activities.

Costs are reasonable and appropriate in relation to the objectives.

To rank eligible proposals, the totals of all evaluators' ratings are averaged. Any evaluator perceiving a conflict of interest relative to any proposal will not submit a rating of that proposal. Funding proceeds from the highest to lowest until available funds are expended.