

CFA Seed Grant Proposal Rubric 2018-2019

PI Name: _____

Funding Request: _____

Criteria	1	2	3		4	Score
Significance of overall research project	Potential for High Impact on Field (1)	Potential for Moderate Impact on Field (2)	Unclear Impact/ Significance (3)		No discussion of significance (4)	
Goals for this phase of the project	Extremely clear (1)	Somewhat clear (2)	Unclear (3)		Not stated (4)	
Proposed work can be completed <i>within 1 year</i>	Yes (1)	Probably (2)	Maybe (3)		No (4)	
Planned activities (methods) align with stated goals	Strong alignment (1)	Most activities align with goals (2)	Poor alignment (3)		No alignment (4)	
Project team experience	Team is clearly qualified to carry out project within 1 year (1)	Strategies/plans for filling gaps in expertise identified (2)	Some members qualified, others not, no clear plans to address expertise gaps addressed in proposal (3)		Team is completely unqualified (4)	
External funding opportunities	Multiple opportunities identified that are appropriate for the larger project (1)	One funding opportunity identified that is appropriate for the larger project (2)	Funding opportunities identified don't seem appropriate for the project (3)	Clear plan for searching Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in place (3)	No funding opportunities identified, no stated plan for searching Requests for Proposals (RFPs) (4)	
Seed grant activities linked to external funding opportunity	Completing all planned activities will strengthen proposal to external funders (1)	Completing some planned activities will strengthen proposal to external funders (2)	Not clear how the planned activities will strengthen proposal to external funders (3)		Applicant could make proposal to external funder now, without seed funds (4)	
Potential for national/international impact	High impact potential on specific population and/or field of inquiry (1)	Moderate impact potential on specific population and/or field of inquiry (2)	Low impact potential on specific population and/or field of inquiry (3)		No clear potential impact (4)	
Cross-disciplinary collaboration	Innovative collaboration between distinctly different disciplines that extend outside of the CFA (1)	Innovative collaboration between distinctly different disciplines within the CFA (2)	Collaboration between different disciplines that isn't new to the field but is new for the collaborators (3)		No cross-disciplinary collaboration (4)	
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					Average Score =	

1 – Recommend for Full Funding

2 – Recommend for Partial Funding

3 – Needs Revision

4 – No Funding Recommendation