

## Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Research Initiative (GSIRI)

### Evaluation Rubric for Proposals

Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifying Question:** Does this proposal detail appropriate safety precautions given the unique situation posed by COVID-19?

YES      NO

Criteria	4	3	2	1	Score	Comments
Interdisciplinarity of team composition	Team includes members from across departments and from strongly divergent fields.	Team includes members from across departments.	Team includes members from various sub-fields who may be within the same department.	Team includes member from the same or very similar sub-fields within the same department.		
Interdisciplinarity of Approach	Proposal reflects exemplary interdisciplinarity in the methods, theoretical approaches/frameworks, bodies of knowledge, and/or data sources in order to generate an innovative approach that leverages the unique perspectives of the interdisciplinary team.	Proposal reflects strong interdisciplinarity in the methods, theoretical approaches/frameworks, bodies of knowledge, and/or data sources in order to generate an innovative approach that leverages the unique perspectives of the interdisciplinary team.	Proposal reflects some interdisciplinarity in the methods, theoretical approaches/frameworks, bodies of knowledge, and/or data sources and includes moderately diverse disciplinary perspectives.	Proposal reflects a single, unified methodology, theoretical framework/approach, body of knowledge, and/or data sources that fails to include diverse disciplinary perspectives.		
Proposal has other funding, or intends to seek it	False			True		
Purpose/Objectives	The research questions are clear, distinct, well-specified, feasible, and congruent with methodology (quantitative hypotheses should be testable, qualitative central phenomena should be clearly discernable).	The research questions are clear, distinct, feasible, and testable/discernable.	The research questions are sometimes unclear, insufficiently distinct, or not readily testable/discernable.	The research questions are unclear or untestable/unobservable.		
Impact potential/significance	Research meets a well-justified and pressing scholarly need, or appears likely to cause improvements to the status quo, the state-of-the-art, or to constituents.	Research meets a justified scholarly need, or appears likely to cause improvements to the status quo, the state-of-the-art, or to constituents.	Scholarly justification is present but tenuous, or the research appears unlikely to cause significant improvements to the status quo, the state-of-the-art, or to constituents.	Scholarly justification is weak or unclear, or will cause a minimal impact on constituents.		

Methods	The proposed experimental/data gathering method is sophisticated, clearly explained, and well-coordinated with the research questions and analytic method. Dependent variable is measurable or central phenomena is describable/explorable via the means suggested. Analysis procedures are justified for the inquiry and explained in detail.	The proposed experimental/data gathering method is explained and coordinated with the research questions and analytic method. Dependent variable is measurable or central phenomena is describable/explorable via the means suggested. Analysis procedures are justified for the inquiry.	The proposed experimental/data gathering method is imprecise or not well-coordinated with the research questions and analytic method. Dependent variable is measurable or central phenomena is describable/explorable via the means suggested. Analysis procedures are not sufficiently justified for the inquiry.	The proposed experimental/data gathering method is not coordinated with the research questions or analytic method. Dependent variable is not easily measurable or central phenomena is not easily describable/explorable via the means suggested. Analysis procedures suggested are not appropriate.		
Timeline is precise and reasonable	Timeline is highly detailed, thorough, and appears realistic. Regular team meetings are defined as well as prospective meetings with experts outside of the team.	Timeline is detailed and appears realistic. Regular team meetings are defined.	Timeline is insufficiently clear and/or appears unrealistic. Regular team meetings may not be defined.	Timeline is unclear or appears unrealistic. Regular team meetings are not defined.		
Budget is precise and reasonable	Highly detailed itemized list is provided, with clear descriptions and justifications. Monies requested are suitable and realistic.	Itemized list is provided with clear descriptions and justifications. Monies requested are suitable and realistic.	Budget contains rudimentary itemized lists and justifications. Monies requested are realistic.	Budget is unclear, missing itemized lists, missing justifications, or the monies requested are unrealistic.		
<b>Total</b>						

Unscored criterion: Does this research involve protected/vulnerable populations (minors, prisoners, etc.)?

YES

NO