

Evaluation Guidelines for Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (EDRG) Award

Name of PI and/or Co-PIs: _____

Title of Project: _____

Option: 1 2 3

Score	Descriptor	Advice
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Very Strong with negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very Strong with only some minor weaknesses
4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong with at least one moderate weakness
6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

Adapted from the National Institutes of Health

1. Clear Specific Aims

Score: _____

Comments:

2. Significance of the research

Score: _____

Comments:

3. Innovation

Score: _____

Comments:

4. Clear approach and methodology. Not overly ambitious.

Score: _____

Comments:

5. Clear and justified budget

Score: _____

Comments:

**6. Identification of
extramural
funding/sponsors**

Score: _____

Comments:

7. Clear collaborative effort

(Option 3 only)

Score: _____

Comments:

Total Score: _____

The project is positioned to support future funded projects?

Yes _____

Marginal _____

No _____

Additional Comments

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| <p><b>Proposal Strengths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Potential to grow into future significant projects</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate and justified budget</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clearly advances the faculty members' scholarship efforts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Well-presented proposal description</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provided all information needed for evaluation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Likely to lead to significant scholarly contributions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</li> </ul> | <p><b>Proposal Deficiencies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have not specified future sources of funding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate justification of budget</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate proposal description</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Failure to follow instructions or provide sufficient information needed for evaluation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unclear how scholarship will lead to significant scholarly contributions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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