

UROP and SURP Proposal Scoring Matrix/Rubric

Format: Conforms to standard proposal formatting:

- 8.5" x 11" page size
- 11-point type or larger
- Times New Roman or other standard text font
- 1" page margins
- Double spaced

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Format	Paper does not conform to formatting.	Paper has a few components of a properly formatted document.	Paper has one or two MINOR formatting problems.	Paper does not have any problems with formatting.	
Introduction	No introduction.	Introduction does not make sense for this document.	Introduction is either informative OR compelling, but not both.	Introduction is compelling AND informative with appropriate references.	
Organization	I was not able to follow this document at all.	I was able to understand some of the broad concepts, but the organization made it difficult to discern important details.	The document outlines a reasonably detailed and feasible research plan. May not include a timeline and/or a method of assessing success.	Paper is well organized and provides a detailed plan for the proposed research including a timeline and a method of assessing success.	
Level of Independence	Student is pursuing a mentor-proposed project that will require significant guidance.	Student refined an idea proposed by the mentor	Student is pursuing a project proposed by the mentor but outlines a relatively independent approach with minimal guidance.	Idea is initiated by the student OR the project builds on earlier work/results of the student.	
Research Question or Thesis	No rationale for the proposal.	Research question or central thesis is present, but information is inappropriate.	Describes how the question would contribute to work to the field but details remain unclear.	Well-developed research question with adequate citations of previous papers that motivates this question.	
Research Approach	Approach section is omitted or makes no sense.	Section is present, but information is inappropriate or inadequate.	Approach is described but could use more detail or clarity.	Well-developed and logical approach with appropriate references that can be completed in the allotted time.	