

Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Activity Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (5 points)	Good (4 points)	Satisfactory (3 points)	Needs Improvement (2 points)	Unsatisfactory (1 point)	Weight
Clarity of Objectives	Clear, focused objectives well-aligned with the research topic.	Clear objectives, mostly aligned with the research topic.	Objectives somewhat clear but lack focus.	Objectives unclear or poorly aligned with the research topic.	Objectives missing or completely irrelevant.	20%
Significance of Research	Thoroughly explains the research's importance, potential impact, and how it advances the field.	Explains research importance and potential impact, though missing some nuances.	Provides basic justification for the research's significance.	Minimal explanation of significance; lacks compelling rationale.	No explanation of the research's importance or impact.	15%
Feasibility of Research Plan	Presents a well-detailed and realistic plan with achievable goals, timeline, and methodology.	Presents a realistic plan with minor gaps in details, timeline, or methodology.	Plan presented, but lacks some details or realistic expectations.	Plan is vague, unrealistic, or lacks clear methodology or timeline.	No clear plan or unrealistic/unachievable goals.	20%
Budget Justification	Comprehensive and well-documented budget, fully justified for research activities.	Detailed budget, mostly justified, but with minor gaps.	Basic budget provided, but some expenses are not fully justified.	Budget presented but lacks justification or contains major gaps.	No clear budget or unjustified expenses.	15%

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Response to Questions	Responds confidently and thoroughly to all questions, demonstrating deep knowledge of the subject.	Responds well to most questions, demonstrating solid understanding.	Able to answer basic questions but struggles with more complex ones.	Responses to questions are vague or unclear, showing limited understanding.	Fails to answer questions or provides irrelevant/inaccurate responses.	10%
Innovation and Creativity	Demonstrates high innovation, offering creative solutions or a novel approach to the research problem.	Displays some innovation with a thoughtful approach to the research problem.	Approach shows some originality but lacks creativity in solving the research problem.	Minimal innovation; follows conventional approaches without introducing new ideas or solutions.	Lacks innovation; no new ideas or original solutions presented.	10%
Overall Impression	Exceptionally persuasive; the proposal leaves the audience confident in the project's success and value.	Persuasive, leaving the audience with a strong impression of the project's potential.	Proposal is somewhat persuasive but does not fully convince the audience of the project's value or success.	Proposal is weak, and audience is left with doubts about the project's potential.	Fails to persuade the audience; proposal raises serious concerns about the project's potential or value.	10%

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