

Scoring Form for QE Written Research Proposal (to be completed by the advisor)

Name of Student: _____

LEGEND
Excellent = 5 points
Very Good = 4 points
Good = 3 points
Fair = 2 points
Poor = 1 point

Instructions: Enter the Rating Scores from each committee member's Rubric Form into the columns below. Then enter the Overall Scores for the entire written proposal from each committee member's Rubric Form into the columns at the bottom of the form, which will calculate a Total Score. Indicate in the Decision box whether the written proposal was Accepted or Rejected, based on the Total Score. The student must receive a Total Score of at least 3.0 in order for the written proposal to be Accepted. Email this Scoring Form and each member's Comments Form to the NACS office within 30 days from the date the student submits the written paper.

Committee Members' Rating Scores

Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Average score by item
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Background and Significance

1	The student displays an adequate knowledge of the history of the research field, including knowledge that goes beyond their specific research question, discipline, and laboratory group.				
2	The student identifies gaps in current knowledge that the proposal is designed to address.				
3	The student displays an adequate and critical knowledge of the techniques to be deployed and their history.				
4	The project addresses an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the research field.				
5	The project has impact beyond its research field.				

Specific Aims, Future Goal, and Research Design and Methods

6	The strategy, methodology, and analyses are well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project.				
7	The anticipated results of the project sufficiently fulfill the aims.				
8	The proposal successfully integrates interdisciplinary concepts or technologies.				
9	Potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success are presented.				
10	Risky aspects are managed well.				
11	The future goal includes broad concepts and technologies outside the student's own field.				

Writing

12	The writing is clear.				
13	The writing is free from grammatical errors.				#DIV/0!
14	The writing appropriately uses terminology.				

Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Total Score
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Committee members' Overall Scores on entire Written Research Proposal:

A Total Score of 3.0 is needed for acceptance of the written research proposal.

Accepted _____

Rejected _____