



Review criteria will be scored on a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the best. Descriptions for review criteria are below. Each proposal will be reviewed by 2-3 SBU faculty. While every effort will be made to match reviewer’s topical expertise to the proposed project, they still may not be totally familiar with the prospective PI’s methodologies or theoretical approaches, so applicants should write for a scientifically proficient but general audience.

Weights	Criterion	Score of 1	Score of 4	Score of 7	Score of 10
10%	Innovation: To what extent is the research concept and/or approach novel and likely to result in advances in the field?	Subtle novelty	Noticeable novelty	Evident novelty	Prominent and unmistakable novelty
15%	Research Team: How well qualified is the individual or team to conduct the proposed research?	Lacking relevant qualifications	Moderately qualified	Very qualified	Extremely qualified
35%	External Funding: To what extent would the proposed research create opportunities for attracting external funding? If you are applying to the seed grant program to prepare for a resubmission of a proposal that received favorable external reviews, your resubmission plans will be evaluated as part of the External Funding review criteria.	External funding is very unlikely	External funding is somewhat likely	External funding is moderately likely	External funding is very likely
20%	Research Advancement: To what extent does the proposed project have the potential to advance the PI/Co-PI's career, benefit the research program, and/or reinforce the University’s research mission?	Limited potential	Some potential	Above average potential	Highest possible potential
20%	Overall Impact and Excellence: How likely is the proposed program to create a meaningful contribution to the research field?	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Moderately likely	Very likely
-	Budget: Is the budget clear, efficient, and well-justified?	A little	Somewhat	Mostly	Extremely