

FRAC Rubrics

Provost's Challenge Research Seed Fund

Review Criterion
1. Significance: Is the proposed research, scholarly, or creative activity significant and likely to make an important contribution to the field?
2. Research Need: Does the proposal address a clearly defined research question, scholarly objective, or important research need?
3. Research Approach: Are the proposed methods, approach, or creative activities appropriate to achieve the stated objectives?
4. Feasibility: Is the proposed work feasible within the proposed timeline and available resources?
5. Dissemination: Is there a clear and appropriate plan for disseminating the project outcomes (e.g., publications, presentations, performances, exhibitions, patents)?
6. Future Funding Potential: Does the proposed work demonstrate strong potential to lead to future external funding or substantially strengthen future funding competitiveness, where appropriate?
7. Budget: Is the proposed budget reasonable and appropriate for accomplishing the project objectives?
8. Budget Justification: Does the budget justification adequately explain and support the requested expenses?
9. Investigator Readiness: Does the applicant demonstrate the expertise, qualifications, and resources necessary to successfully complete the proposed work?
10. Overall Merit: Is the proposal of sufficient overall quality to warrant FRAC Seed Fund support?

Faculty Research Fund Rubric

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RTT Travel Fund Rubric

Review Criterion
1. Significance: Is the proposed research significant and likely to advance knowledge or scholarly activity?
2. Research Design: Are the proposed methods appropriate and sufficient to achieve the stated objectives?
3. Feasibility: Is the proposed work feasible given the timeline, budget, and available resources?
4. Travel Justification: Is the requested travel essential to accomplishing the research objectives (e.g., fieldwork, collaboration, specialized training, archives, or conference presentation)?
5. Investigator Readiness: Does the applicant demonstrate the expertise and preparedness to successfully complete the proposed work?
6. Dissemination: Is there a clear plan to disseminate the research findings (e.g., publications, presentations, outreach)?
7. Future Funding Potential: Is the project likely to strengthen the applicant's competitiveness for future external funding?
8. Institutional Impact: Will the proposed work enhance Arkansas State University's research profile, collaborations, or strategic priorities?
9. Overall Merit: Is the proposal of sufficient overall quality to merit FRAC Travel Fund support?

Off-Campus Duty Assignment (Compensated Leave) Rubric

Review Criterion
1. Significance: Is the proposed research, scholarly, or creative activity significant and likely to make an important contribution to the field?
2. Objectives: Does the proposal articulate clear and well-defined research or scholarly objectives?
3. Approach: Are the proposed methods, approach, or creative activities appropriate to achieve the stated objectives?
4. Feasibility: Is the proposed scope of work realistic and achievable during the Off-Campus Duty Assignment period?
5. Investigator Readiness: Does the applicant demonstrate the expertise, qualifications, and available resources necessary to successfully complete the proposed work?

6. Productivity: Is there a high likelihood that the Off-Campus Duty Assignment will substantially advance the proposed project?

7. Scholarly Outcomes: Is there a clear plan for scholarly outcomes (e.g., publications, presentations, performances, exhibitions, patents, or other creative works)?

8. Future Research Competitiveness: Does the proposal demonstrate potential to enhance future research productivity or competitiveness for external funding, where appropriate?

9. Institutional Impact: Will the proposed work contribute to Arkansas State University's research, scholarly, or creative mission?

10. Overall Merit: Is the proposal of sufficient overall quality to warrant FRAC Compensated Leave support?

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