

NDSU Advance FORWARD

SCORING FORM for Climate and Gender Equity Research Grants 2009-2010

Please read the attached "call for proposals" document to understand what each applicant was being asked to assemble. There are instructions therein for proposal formatting and for budget preparation. A primary goal of the review exercise is to give constructive, rigorous feedback to each one of the applicants so that they can improve their proposal preparation for future competitive funding rounds (NIH, NSF, etc.). It would be greatly appreciated if these reviews could be returned by October 20, 2009. Please email your reviews to nds.forward@nds.edu.

APPLICANT: _____ TOTAL SCORE: _____ RANK: _____

Scoring Instructions:

Please provide a score for each criterion based on the specified maximum score for each criterion. Total scores of less than 70 will not be funded.

Criteria	Score
(1) Intellectual merit: Does this study address an important problem? Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well-integrated, and appropriate to the aims of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics? <p style="text-align: right;">Maximum 20 points</p>	
(2) Innovation and methodological rigor: Does the project employ novel concepts, approaches or methods? Are the aims original and innovative? Does the project challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies or technologies? <p style="text-align: right;">Maximum 2 points</p>	
(3) Investigator Team and relevance to NDSU Advance FORWARD goals: Are the investigators appropriately trained and well suited to carry out the proposed work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the investigator team? Is this an interdisciplinary team? Will funding this proposal have a positive impact on climate? Will advance understanding of gender in the academic workforce? <p style="text-align: right;">Maximum 20 points</p>	
(3) Quality of dissemination plan and potential for external funding: Does the PIs have a plan for journal paper submissions? What is the potential for getting the proposed work published? What is the potential for finding external funding of the proposed work? Do the PIs have a plan for external funding? <p style="text-align: right;">Maximum 20 points</p>	
(4) Budget: Is the budget appropriate for the scope of work described? Do the budget and budget justification Itemize, describe, and justify each budget item? Is the PI requesting funds for one year? <p style="text-align: right;">Maximum 10 points</p>	
(5) Proposal quality: Does the proposal follow the instructions for proposal formatting provided in the RFP? Is this a professionally written proposal, free of spelling and grammar errors? <p style="text-align: right;">Maximum 10 points</p>	
TOTAL SCORE	

Please provide a summary statement with comments for the PIs. These comments can be very valuable feedback to the PIs, whether they are funded or not. Please avoid making personal statements about the applicant, as your comments will be forwarded directly to the applicant. Your comments should be constructive and evaluative.