**Primary Investigator/Co-investigator Name(s):**

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| **Components** | **Total Available: 190** | | | **Score** |
|  | 30 | 15 | 0 |  |
| **Project Concept** | Proposes a project that tightly fits the grant program guidelines and is aligned with MSU’s strategic plan and mission. | Proposes a project that loosely fits program guidelines and MSU’s strategic plan and mission. | Proposes project that does not fit with program guidelines, and is not aligned with MSU’s strategic plan and mission. |
|  | 10 | 5 | 0 |  |
| **Abstract** | Clearly and concisely describes the proposed project in layman’s terms. | Provides most of the elements needed; is not concise and exceeds normal of length of abstract. | Is absent or lacks many of the required elements of a quality abstract. |
|  | 10 | 5 | 0 |  |
| **Originality** | The proposed project contains many significantly original, innovative, or creative aspects(s). | Project contains some original, innovative, or creative aspect(s). | The project contains no or few original, innovative or creative aspect(s). |
|  | 10 | 5 | 0 |  |
| **Research Question or Creative Goal** | The goals or objectives of the project are clearly stated and described. | The goals or objectives of the project are comprehensible but need further refinement/clarification. | The goals or objectives of the project are insinuated but are not explicitly stated. |
|  | 20 | 10 | 0 |  |
| **Methodology and Design** | Proposal clearly describes the methodology, creative design, research plan, processes, or procedures that will be used to complete the project. The approach is ap**pr**opriate and manageable | Proposal outlines the methodology, creative design, research plan, processes, or procedures but further clarifications are necessary as to how these are appropriate or manageable. | Proposal does not explicitly describe the methodology, design, research plan, processes, or procedures that will be used to complete the project. |
|  | 20 | 10 | 0 |  |
| **Budget Justification** | Budget is detailed and realistic and is within funding guidelines. Budget Justification justifies the projected costs aligned to the content, goals and activities stated in the application. | Most budget items are detailed and realistic; budget total is within funding guidelines; justification reflects some of the content, goals or activities stated in the application. | Fails to provide budget; inaccurate or unrealistic budget; budget total not within funding guidelines; justification reflects little or none of the content, goals or activities stated in the application. |
|  | 20 | 10 | 0 |  |
| **Timeline** | Includes a detailed and realistic timeline for project implementation. | Indicates the length of time required to complete the project. | Omits timeline. |
|  | 20 | 10 | 0 |  |
| **Scholarly Significance** | The proposed activities are clearly linked into the broader scholarly field at the local, regional, or national level. The scholarly impact is significant. | The proposed activities are clearly linked into the broader scholarly field at the local, regional, or national level. The scholarly impact is moderately significant. | Contributions of the proposed activity to the broader field or community are not clearly stated or are nonexistent. |

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| **Dissemination** | Significant products are described, such as presentations at regional or national conferences, publications in peer reviewed journals, or project with quantifiable community impact. | Products of moderate impact are described, such as presentations at the local level, publications in non-peer reviewed sources. | The proposed products for dissemination are of minimal impact. |
|  | 30 | 15 | 0 |  |
| **Likelihood for Success** | Given the project design and requested resources, establishes goals that should be completely achievable. | Given the project design and requested resources, establishes some goals that are achievable and some that may be difficult to reach. | Does not establish goals that are supported by the project design and requested resources, or goals be impossible to achieve. |
| **Total Score** |  |  |  |  |

Per guidelines, meets the following funding priority:

Early career applicant(s)

Senior faculty initiating a new line of research or creative endeavor

Leveraging of award

Interdisciplinary applicants

No funding priority

Funding Recommendation:

Fund in its entirety:

Fund in amount less than requested (specify amount recommended):

Funding not recommended (rationale):

Proposal Strengths:

Proposal Weakness:

Reviewer Name: Date: