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Project Proposals: Scored out of 60		5	4	3	2	1
1)	Career Goals: What are professional & personal goals? How will this experience contribute to these goals?	5: Exceptional detail, insight & clarity	4: Strong detail, insight & clarity	3: Some detail, insight & clarity	2: Little detail, insight or clarity	1: Key details missing, answer off target
2)	Student Independence: Describe how you are gaining independence in your project or increasing your responsibilities under your mentor.	5: Exceptionally clear & detailed description of student independence & growth potential	9	3: Some indication of student independence, some details of student growth potential	2: Unclear description of student independence, few details of student growth potential	1: Key details missing, no indication of independent work
3)	Project Summary: Briefly describe the project you will be working on this summer. Indicate specifically what work you will be doing. Please make the description comprehensible to a non-expert reader.	5: Exceptionally detailed project summary, clear indication of student role in the project	4: Strong and detailed project summary, provides indication of student role in project	3: Some project detail & indication of student role in project	2: Unclear project summary, little indication of student role in project	1: Key details missing, answer off target
4)	Objective: Describe goal(s) of project. What research question/hypothesis, problem statement, or concept will you investigate?	5: Exceptionally clear objective, provides clear detail, & description of goals	4: Strong objective, provides detail, & description of goals	3: Objective stated, some details, some goals	2: Unclear objective, few details, goals not clear	1: Key details missing, answer off target
5)	Significance: How does project relate to current scholarly literature in your field? Describe how project will build on current knowledge & include in-text citations.	5: Exceptional connection to scholarly literature, clearly builds on current knowledge	4: Strong connection to scholarly literature, somewhat builds on current knowledge	3: Some connection to literature, vaguely builds on current knowledge	2: Unclear connection to literature, does not build on current knowledge	1: Key details missing, answer off target
6)	Method of Inquiry: Explain discipline- based methods or creative techniques used. Use language that allows non- experts to understand approach.	5: Exceptional description of methods	4: Strong description of methods	3: Some description of methods	2: Unclear description of methods	1: Key details missing, answer off target

7)	Analysis & Interpretation: Discuss analysis of data gathered or reflect on outcomes of project.	5: Exceptional description of analysis & interpretation	4: Strong description of analysis & interpretation	3: Some description of analysis & interpretation	2: Unclear description of analysis & interpretation	1: Key details missing, answer off target
8)	Project Timeline: Provide timeline with approximate dates of project milestones. Include anticipated conference attendance or presentations if relevant.	5: Exceptionally clear and detailed timeline	4: Strong timeline, sufficient details	3: Some detail in timeline	2: Unclear timeline, lacking detail	1: Key details missing, answer off target
9)	Budget Detail: Specify spending of requested funds - If supplies, include price estimate & source; If stipend, include number of hours estimated for project.	5: Exceptionally clear & detailed budget	4: Strong budget, sufficient details	3: Some detail in budget	2: Unclear budget, lacking detail	1: Key details missing, answer off target
1)	Mentor Support: Letter could include assessment of potential as a scholar, details about the work and level of independence, description of support as a mentor, details about meeting frequency	5: Exceptionally clear letter of support	4: Strong letter of support	3: Some detail in letter of support	2: Lacking detail in letter of support	1: Letter missing or not positive letter
2)	Academic Preparation: Transcripts, mentor letter, gleaned from other answers	5: Exceptionally prepared	4: Strongly prepared	3: Prepared	2: Lacking preparation	1: Not prepared
3)	Overall Proposal Rank	5: Exceptional proposal, fund with no concerns	4: Strong proposal, fund	3: Good proposal, fund	2: Fund with concerns	1: Recommend do not fund



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