

**MVSU Summer Research Grant Review Rubric\***  
 Approved by MVSU Faculty Senate for MVSU Summer Research Grant Review Committee  
 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Title & Number of Research Grant Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Recommended Amount of Grant (Up to \$2,500 or \$5,000) \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Element	Distinguished 90% or above	Proficient 80% or above	Intermediate 60% or above	Possible Percentage	Earned Percentage
<b>1. Research/Project Objective &amp; Significance</b> An abstract or outline of the proposed research/project is required to include a clear indication that you as a faculty member will be able to complete the project, what the research/project intends to accomplish (objectives & significance), how this project benefits your students, how this project benefits the courses you have taught, are teaching, or will teach, whether or not your department chairperson supports your research/project (A letter of support from department chairperson should be included in your application package).	Establishes and maintains clear focus; evidence of distinctive and/or appropriate tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Focused on a purpose; evidence of voice and/or suitable tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	An attempt to establish and maintain purpose and communicate with someone outside of the discipline.	25%	
<b>2. Literature Review</b> How does this research/project relate to current research or professional progress in the area? How does it fall within the context of extant research/work in the area?	Depth and complexity of ideas supported by rich, engaging, pertinent details; evidence analysis, reflection, and insight understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Depth of idea development supported by elaborated, relevant details understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Unelaborated idea development; unelaborated and/or repetitious details understood by someone outside of the discipline.	10%	
<b>3. Research/Project-Structural Methods</b> What research or project-structural methods (or the equivalents in liberal arts and other fields outside a typical scientific project) will you use to achieve the research/project's objective?	Advanced methods understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Careful and/or suitable methods understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Lapses in focus and/or coherence in Methods understood by someone outside of the discipline.	25%	
<b>4. Research/Project Plan</b> What activities are planned? When will the Research/Project be completed?	Establishes and maintains clear focus; appropriate tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Focused on a purpose; suitable tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	An attempt to establish and maintain purpose and communicate with someone outside of the discipline.	10%	
<b>5. Expected Research/Project Results</b> What outcomes do you expect? How will the results be disseminated? (Publication grant proposals should indicate a description of specific journals or publishers likely to consider the work for publication.)	Establishes and maintains clear focus; appropriate tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Focused on a purpose; suitable tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	An attempt to establish and maintain purpose and communicate with someone outside of the discipline.	10%	
<b>6. Budget Items &amp; Justifications</b> What are the budget justifications for all items necessary to complete the research/project, including, but not limited to, travel, supplies, stipends, and equipment?	Establishes and maintains clear focus; evidence of distinctive and/or appropriate tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	Focused on a purpose; evidence of voice and/or suitable tone understood by someone outside of the discipline.	An attempt to establish and maintain purpose and communicate with someone outside of the discipline.	20%	
<b>7. IRB Approval</b>	Applicants are required to offer a detailed explanation if research/project involves human subjects. MVSU Faculty Senate Research Grant Review Committee will submit approved proposals with explanation of human subjects to MVSU Internal Review Board (IRB) for further review.			Only applicable for human subjects.	
<b>Total Points</b> This proposal should have full and numbered five (5) pages of text in length (no shorter or longer than this) plus a cover page. The cover page is an extra page and should not be counted in the five (5) pages of text. Each page in text is typewritten, double-spaced with 1" margins, number 12 "Times New Roman" character, 22-24 lines. <b>If this requirement cannot be met, 20% will be deducted from the earned percentage.</b>				100%	

\* Some elements or words in this rubric were adopted and adjusted from the original rubric developed by Professor Lynn Nielsen, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Northern Iowa. Now it is owned by Joan Vandervelde.