

CoED FRG Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Does Not Meet Expectations (1 pt)	Meets Expectations 2 (pts)	Exceeds Expectations (3pts)
Significance of the Project	Project lacks clear importance, relevance, or contribution.	Project demonstrates reasonable significance and potential impact.	Project is highly significant, with strong potential to advance the field and/or generate meaningful outcomes.
Placement in Context with Existing Scholarship	Little or no engagement with current scholarship; context unclear.	Adequate engagement with relevant literature; context is evident.	Deep engagement with scholarship, demonstrating nuanced understanding and clear positioning within the field.
Alignment of Proposed Activities with Research Question(s)	Activities are poorly aligned or unrelated to research questions.	Activities are reasonably aligned and support answering the research questions.	Activities are strongly aligned, thoughtfully designed, and advance the research questions effectively.
Ability to Carry Out the Project	Applicant lacks evidence of skills, preparation, or resources.	Applicant demonstrates adequate ability and preparation.	Applicant shows strong qualifications, experience, and readiness to complete the project successfully.
Explanation of Process/Methodology	Process/methodology is unclear, inappropriate, or missing.	Process/methodology is sufficiently described and appropriate.	Process/methodology is clearly explained, well-justified, and rigorous.

Clarity of Project Goals and Design	Goals/design are vague, incomplete, or confusing.	Goals/design are clear and adequately described.	Goals/design are precise, well-structured, and thoughtfully articulated.
Contribution to Applicant's Research Agenda	Little or no connection to applicant's broader research agenda.	Research builds reasonably on applicant's agenda.	Research is strongly aligned, advancing applicant's scholarly trajectory in meaningful ways.
Budget Cost-Effectiveness	Budget is unrealistic, unjustified, or excessive.	Budget is reasonable and adequately justified.	Budget is cost-effective, clearly justified, and maximizes value for the scope of the project.
Evidence of Efforts for External Funding & Future Plans	No evidence of prior or planned external funding efforts.	Provides some evidence of prior efforts or reasonable future plans.	Demonstrates strong evidence of proactive pursuit of external funding, with clear plans for future applications.
Access to Other Funding	Applicant has access to a variety of other funding sources (e.g., endowed accounts, PIFA or departmental overhead funds) that could reasonably support the project.	Applicant has limited access to other funding sources that may/may not be sufficient to support the proposed project.	Applicant has no other available sources of research funding (e.g., endowment, or discretionary accounts) and demonstrates clear financial need for FRG support.
Total Score out of 30:			