

Limited Submission Review Instructions & Scoring Matrix

2020 Searle Scholars Program

Principal Investigator(s):

BACKGROUND & INSTRUCTIONS

A “limited submission” refers to a grant program that places a limitation on the number of proposal applications a single eligible entity can submit each cycle. The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has a process in place to allow for an internal competition among interested PIs to determine which application(s) will move forward. Once a limited submission opportunity is identified, an internal call for pre-proposals is sent out to potential PIs. Those interested in being considered for full submission are required to submit a pre-proposal (ranging from one to five pages, depending on the type of program and sponsor) by a specified date. If more applications are received than the institution is allowed to submit to the sponsor, the applications are moved forward to a peer review process in order to make final selection(s).

That peer review process is what you are taking part in now. While we do want you to be aware that **the proposals you review here are *not* finalized and will be expanded before they are submitted to the sponsor**, we ask that you be as critical in your review as you would be if these applications were moving forward to a sponsor now. We are **especially interested in your feedback on weaknesses of the applications and where improvements can be made** either before they move forward through submission to this program or others.

If you are reviewing more than one application for this same program, we ask that you use the applications as a reference for one another in your scoring, knowing that the pool will be ranked based on scores received to determine which move(s) forward to the sponsor.

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SCORING

Selection of applications to be submitted to the 2020 Searle Scholars Program will be based on a 5-point scoring scale for criteria given below. Scores for each criteria will then be weighted based on program specifications.

No. of applications allowed per institution this cycle: 1

- Ratings should be given in whole numbers (not decimals).
- Reviewers should consider not only the relative number of strengths and weaknesses, but also the importance of these strengths and weaknesses to the criteria or to the overall impact when determining a score.
 - For example, a major strength may outweigh many minor and correctable weaknesses

Minor weakness: easily addressable weakness, does not substantially lessen impact

Moderate weakness: lessens impact

Major weakness: Severely limits impact

SCORING RUBRIC

Score	Description
1	Poor – No evidence or information provided
2	Fair – Minimal evidence; limited potential; vague; weak concepts; limited likelihood of success; limited in innovative thinking; lacks sufficient information
3	Good – Some evidence; partially developed concepts; some potential for effectiveness and success; some inconsistencies; needs work; some innovation present; requires additional information/clarification
4	Very Good – Convincing concepts with enough examples of evidence to indicate a good chance for success; clear and complete; innovative
5	Excellent – Excellent concepts; exceptional evidence; well-thought out with an extremely high likelihood of success; exemplary; highly innovative

Borrowed from State of Ohio's Straight A Fund Application Scoring & Evaluation Process, Criteria & Rubrics.

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SCORED REVIEW CRITERIA

Reviewers should consider each of the review criteria below and give a separate score for each. Note – additional solicitation specific review criteria have been incorporated into the review criteria below.

Below, please summarize the factors that informed your individual criteria scores.

1. Scientific Contributions

Candidates should clearly describe project aims and objectives, methods to be used, and significance of the research. Evidence shown to demonstrate success as an independent investigator and published significant work.

Strengths: Click here to enter text.

Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.

2. Creative and Innovative Approaches

Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and innovative approaches.

Strengths: Click here to enter text.

Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.

3. High Impact

Ideas with the potential to produce high-impact contributions to research over an extended period of time.

Strengths: Click here to enter text.

Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.

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4. Quality of Candidate

Based on their performance during their education and training, candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in biomedical research. Includes past performance and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards and publications.

Strengths: Click here to enter text.

Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO APPLICANT

Reviewers may provide guidance to the applicant or recommend against submission without fundamental revision.

Additional Comments to Applicants (Optional)

Click here to enter text.

EVALUTATION SCORES

Criteria	Your Score
1. Scientific Contributions	
2. Creative and Innovative Approaches	
3. High Impact	
4. Quality of Candidate	
TOTAL SCORE	