

Limited Submission Review Instructions & Scoring Matrix

2021 Pew Biomedical Scholars Program

BACKGROUND & INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVIEWERS

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.

A final reminder for foreign nationals before you proceed:

We want to ensure that you are eligible to receive compensation for this service. Visa type determines your eligibility for honoraria. Most common visa types eligible for honoraria: B-1, B-2, F-1 (with approval from current school/employer and additional documentation provided), J-2, WB-WT. Any visa holders not eligible for honoraria pay outside of their employing organization may NOT be eligible for payment from UTSA. Further guidance from UTSA on allowable reimbursements for most frequently used visas can be found here:

<https://international.utsa.edu/visas/guide-to-most-used-visas/index.html>. If you believe you may not be eligible for honoraria, please notify ORAU staff immediately.

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SCORING

Selection of applications to be submitted to the 2021 Pew Biomedical Scholars Program will be based on a 5-point scoring scale for criteria given below.

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 will consider each of the review criteria below based on the Scoring Rubric above, and give a separate score for each within the Evaluation Scores table below.

<p>1. Scientific Contributions Candidates should clearly describe project aims and objectives, methods to be used, and significance of the research. In evaluating the candidates, the National Advisory Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work.</p>
<p>Strengths: Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>2. Creative and Innovative Approaches Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and innovative approaches.</p>
<p>Strengths: Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>3. Diversity of Concepts and Theories Candidates work is based on biomedical principles, but brings in concepts and theories from more diverse fields.</p>
<p>Strengths: Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>4. High Impact Ideas with the potential to produce an unusually high impact are encouraged.</p>
<p>Strengths: Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>5. Quality of Candidate Based on their performance during their education and training, candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to human health. Includes past performance and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards and publications. Candidates should describe how this project fits into their “big picture” plans.</p>
<p>Strengths: Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Weaknesses: Click here to enter text.</p>

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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. Diversity of Concepts and Theories	
4. High Impact	
5. Quality of Candidate	
TOTAL	