

College-University Collaboration Evaluation Criteria

Category #1: Scientific and Technical Merit

Weight: 40%

1. The purposes of the study are clear and sufficiently detailed. The hypotheses [goals/objectives] are explicit.
2. The proposed research goals are original and worthy of support.
3. There is sufficient attention given to related research by others.

Category #2: Relevance to NASA's mission and WV Priorities

Weight: 20%

1. The project is in line with NASA's overall mission and goals.
2. The project is in line with WV's priorities in science and technology.

Category #3: Collaboration Plan and Research Methodology

Weight: 20%

1. The study design is carefully related to the goals of the project.
2. The study provides the data or the desired outcomes needed to achieve the aims of the project.
3. The methodology is sufficiently detailed.
4. Collaboration plan between the two academic PIs and their respective roles is clearly defined.

Category #4: Mentor's Credentials

Weight: 10%

1. The mentor from WVU or Marshall is a highly qualified and established researcher.
2. The mentor from WVU or Marshall is committed to the success of this project.
3. Successful completion of the proposed research has the potential for future funding from other sources.

Category #5: Budget and Institutional Support

Weight: 10%

1. The budget is realistic for the work proposed.
2. The budget justification is sufficiently detailed.
3. Cost share requirements are met and supported by both institutions.
4. Specific tasks are clearly related to personnel, time, and budget.