

## **Research Initiation Grant Evaluation Criteria**

### **Category #1: Technical and Scientific Merit**

Weight: 30%

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

### **Category #2: Soundness of Approach**

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. There is evidence of coherent direction in the proposed study.
4. The methodology is sufficiently detailed.

### **Category #3: Potential for Future Funding and Long Term Impact**

Weight: 20%

1. The project will enhance the PI's capability to compete for outside funding.
2. The project will lead to a sustained level of research effort for the PI.

### **Category #4: Relevance to NASA's Mission and WV's 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 #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 the institution.
4. Specific tasks are clearly related to personnel, time, and budget.
5. There is sufficient time commitment by the Principal Investigator(s).