

Research Initiation Grant Evaluation Criteria

Category #1: Technical and Scientific Merit

Weight: 30%

1. The research topic is original and worthy of support. (10)
2. The purposes of the study are clear and sufficiently detailed. The hypotheses [goals/objectives] are explicit. (10)
3. There is sufficient attention given to related research by others. (10)

Category #2: Soundness of Approach

Weight: 20%

1. The study is designed carefully to achieve the aims of the project. (10)
2. The methodology is sufficiently detailed and each participant's role is clearly described. (10)

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. (10)
2. The project will lead to a sustained level of research effort for the PI. (10)

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. (10)
2. The project is in line with WV's priorities in science and technology. (10)

Category #5: Budget and Institutional Support

Weight: 10%

1. The budget is realistic for the work proposed. (5)
2. The budget justification is sufficiently detailed and specific tasks are clearly related to personnel, time, and budget. (5)