

**EPSCoR Research Seed Grant
Evaluation Criteria**

Category #1: Technical and Scientific Merit

Weight: 30%

1. The proposed research goals are original and have the potential to advance understanding of a significant topic. (15)
2. The purposes of the study are clear and sufficiently detailed. The hypotheses [goals/objectives] are explicit. (5)
3. The research has potential for future funding. (5)
4. There is sufficient attention given to related research by others. (5)

Category #2: Soundness of Approach

Weight: 20%

1. The study design is carefully related to the goals of the project. (5)
2. The study will provide the data or the desired outcomes needed to achieve the aims of the project. (5)
3. The methodology is sufficiently detailed. (5)
4. The PI will devote sufficient time to the project to achieve important results. (5)

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 is a new area of research for the PI or a significant change in or new application of the existing research area of the PI. (10)

Category #4: Relevance to NASA's mission and West Virginia's priorities in science and technology

Priorities Weight: 20%

1. The project is aligned with NASA's overall mission and specific goals. (10)
2. The project is aligned with West Virginia'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)