

Research Initiation Grant Evaluation Criteria

Category #1: Technical and Scientific Merit

Weight: 35%

1. The research topic is original and worthy of support. (15)
2. The purposes of the study are clear and sufficiently detailed. The hypotheses [goals/objectives] are explicit. (15)
3. There is sufficient attention given to related research by others. (5)

Category #2: Soundness of Approach

Weight: 25%

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. (15)

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

Weight: 10%

1. The project will enhance the PI's capability to compete for outside funding. (5)
2. The project will lead to a sustained level of research effort for the PI. (5)

Category #4: Relevance to NASA, Mission Directorates, and WV's Priorities

Weight: 15%

1. The project is in line with NASA's overall mission and goals. (5)
2. NASA mission directorate with which the proposed research is aligned as well as the rationale as to why you believe this research would be of benefit for that directorate (5)
3. The project is in line with WV's priorities in science and technology. (5)

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)

Category #6: Dissemination of the Results

Weight: 5%

1. The plans for dissemination and publicizing the results are well defined. (5)