

MT-IGO RUBRIC

Category	Subcategory	Criteria
Non-Technical Abstract		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The abstract provided an understanding of the research or creative project to an educated layperson.
Narrative	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative clearly addressed a research question by adequately expanding on the unknowns yet succinctly providing a road-map to success.
	Background & Specific Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The background and specific aims summarize the scope of the proposal with a clear review of the literature to provide context to the project's significance to the current scholarship/research in the applicant's field. The main objectives/hypothesis/hypotheses are provided under the Specific Aims/Thesis. Any preliminary results/data from either literature or PI's current work is described in support of the study. The objectives and goals of the proposed research is clearly stated. The background leading to the current application is clearly summarized. The existing knowledge in the field has been clearly evaluated. The importance of the project is clearly explained. The scientific knowledge or creative pursuits will be advanced if the specific aims are achieved.
	Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology includes a detailed explanation for the materials and methods are properly described. If and when necessary, the PI used illustrations or other tools to clarify the proposal. Study instruments are adequately discussed and if applicable the PI presents samples of surveys and other essential instruments. Any preliminary results presented support the researcher purpose and the methods proposed would adequately add to the current knowledge. The research design and/or conceptual framework described in terms is understandable by educated peers not familiar with the area. Any potentially novel concepts, approaches, tools, or technologies have been described. Preliminary studies presented support the feasibility of the approach. The plan for data collection, analysis, and interpretation are clearly defined and copies of all survey instruments have been included. Any potential problems or limitations in the project approach have been delineated.

	Milestones & Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PI outlines a clear schedule for the completion of the proposed study by spelling out the major components of the project from beginning to completion. Important deliverables are elucidated. The proposed methods are feasible and the researcher discusses potential challenges and possible alternative methods.
	Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PI identified all crucial resources necessary for the proposal and the PI has access to these resources.
	Future External Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an indication for attempts to determine whether additional or alternative funding sources available. The PI described a feasible and competitive plan to seek external funding.
	Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a high likelihood of dissemination and the projected mode of dissemination is appropriate (e.g., presentation, journal article, review article, book chapter or book, monograph, production, audio or video recording, etc.).
Significance	Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed study is novel.
	Impact on PI's field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed study will significantly influence the PI's field
	Impact on PI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed study will help to achieve the PI's long-term research goals.
	Impact on MTSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed study influences MTSU's research & education mission.
Budget	Detailed budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs are clearly identified and defined.
	Resources and Budget justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget sufficiently justified. The resources (e.g., space, equipment, etc.) needed to complete the project adequately described and has permission to use resources been obtained if necessary. Documentation has been provided for any collaborative agreements with entities outside of MTSU. Requested equipment purchases replicate currently available equipment.
Personnel	Personnel Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The investigator is qualified (education and/or experience) to successfully complete the project as proposed. The investigator has a record of research and/or creative accomplishments during the past five years. If additional expertise is required to complete this study, does the investigating team comprise the right composition?
*Resubmissions Only	Reviewers' Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PI adequately addressed all of the concerns raised by the previous reviewers/committee.