

RISE



RESEARCH
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RISE JUDGING GUIDELINES

	PROMPTS	0-5 POINTS	6-10 POINTS	11-15 POINTS	16-20 POINTS	21-25 POINTS
ORIGINALITY	<p>Is the project fresh and new? Does it offer a unique perspective? Is the project compelling and interesting?</p>	Incremental thinking	Reflects critical thinking and beginnings of creative activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Solution-focused · Contributes valuable knowledge · Evidence of creative output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fresh and unique · Offers a beneficial new perspective · Compelling & interesting 	A BIG idea
SIGNIFICANCE & IMPACT OF RESEARCH	<p>Does the project achieve a beneficial objective? Does it present a compelling model for change? Does it expose bias, improve efficiency/efficacy, or increase well-being?</p>	Academic novelty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Some impact; needs development · Cloudy objective; minimal scope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Clear objective · Reasonable scope · Moderate impact · Potentially limited applicability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Robust understanding of problem/solution · Outlines path forward · Creates a memorable experience · Implementable real-world impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · My understanding has shifted · I'm asking how I can integrate this into my field · I'm compelled to share, adopt, and get involved
QUALITY & SUBSTANCE OF POSTER	<p>Is the poster clear and concise? Does it convey the essence of the project? Does it compete with or complement the message?</p>	Information and visual overload	Recognizable structure, but content lacks prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Alignment between structure, content, and visual appearance · Supports poster objective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Structure, content, appearance compel engagement · Message is clearly and convincingly conveyed · Intentionality and critical thinking beyond evident 	Individual elements combine, creating a powerful, astonishing whole
OVERALL PRESENTATION <small>(SCORED AT RISE)</small>	<p>Does the presenter demonstrate command of the project? Is the topic effectively communicated to a lay audience? Does the pitch inspire further engagement?</p>	Provides basic overview of work and research	Fully understands and adequately conveys work and research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Effectively communicates topic · Exhibits confidence · Handles questions well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Positions project into broader landscape · Creatively captures attention · Clearly articulates unique value of project · Facilitates dialogue, incorporates feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Passionate, authentic, energized · I'm going to be thinking about this for days · Inspired my involvement; showed me how