

NCAA Graduate Student Research Grant Scoring Rubric

IMPORTANT NOTE: NCAA Graduate Student Research Grants are intended to supporting research primarily in the **social and behavioral sciences**. The NCAA Research Committee invites research proposals within the general topic areas of *student-athlete psychosocial well-being and college athletics participation*. Graduate students whose research is nested within exercise science, physical health and safety are encouraged to explore funding opportunities through their academic and professional organizations.

1. Is this proposal a good fit for the aims of the NCAA Graduate Student Research Grant as detailed above? If YES, please review. If NO, please explain your rationale.
2. Please use rubric below to score proposals.

Metric <i>(Proposal section where metric most likely addressed)</i>	Guiding questions	Points possible
Methodological approach <i>(Problem Statement & Methods sections)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the student's research question clearly defined? • Is the methodology suitable to answer the research question(s)? • Is the conceptual basis of the research well-developed, empirically sound and likely to enhance understanding? • Is the researcher using the best measures available? 	30 points
Feasibility <i>(Methods & Timeline)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the researcher have the necessary methodological expertise, mentoring support and/or prior experience to accomplish the work? • Will the researcher be able to recruit desired subjects? • Is the timeline feasible? 	20 points
NCAA contribution <i>(Significance/Potential Implications)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the research have implications for understanding or improving the student-athlete experience? • Will study findings inform current and or future policy or best practices on NCAA member campuses? • Is the research duplicative of current or previous NCAA research inquiries? Or does it have the potential to offer new perspectives? 	25 points
Scholarly contribution <i>(Significance/Potential Implications)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the research break new conceptual or methodological ground in its scientific field? • Has similar research already been conducted in the field? • Does the research extend previous research and provide new and updated results? 	10 points
Budget <i>(Budget & Budget Justification)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the money help the graduate student work towards finalizing the research? • Can the study be completed on the proposed budget? • Are the financial resources indicated in the budget justification being used appropriately? 	5 points
Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you rate the overall quality and clarity of this proposal? 	10 points
Total		100 points