**Wright State University**

***Research Initiation Grants Reviewer Score Sheet--2015***

Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer Name (to be used for tracking responses only): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Use the following scoring criteria:

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| Score | Descriptor | Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses |
| 9 | Exceptional | Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses |
| 8 | Outstanding | Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses |
| 7 | Excellent | Very strong with only some minor weaknesses |
| 6 | Very Good | Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses |
| 5 | Good | Strong but with at least one moderate weakness |
| 4 | Satisfactory | Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses |
| 3 | Fair | Some strengths but also with at least one major weakness |
| 2 | Marginal | A few strengths and a few major weaknesses |
| 1 | Poor | Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses |

**Minor Weakness: An easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen impact.**

**Moderate Weakness: A weakness that lessens impact.**

**Major Weakness: A weakness that severely limits impact.**

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| Initial Research MeritScore Criteria | Criterion | **Score** | **Comments** |
| **1. Research Question/Hypothesis/**  **Creative Element** | Is the statement of the research problem or hypothesis clear? Is a creative element evident? |  |  |
| **2. Scientific Framework or Rationale** | Is the scientific or scholarly frame of reference stated clearly? Does it flow logically from the problem and purpose? |  |  |
| **3. Methods and Analyses** | Are methods novel, appropriate, or vigorous as required for the success of the project? |  |  |
| **4. Significance** | Will the findings contribute to generalizable knowledge? Are there implications of the findings for further research, education, or practice? |  |  |
| **5. Presentation** | Is the proposal well written?  Are ideas communicated clearly? |  |  |
| **6. Additional Funding Strategy** | Does the proposal include a strategy for securing follow-on external funding? |  |  |
|  | ***INTERIM SCORE (between 1 and 9)*** |  | Note: The Interim Score should not be a numerical average of individual scores for the specific criteria. |
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| **7. Budget** | Is the budget clearly delineated?  Is the amount requested appropriate for the scope of the proposed research? |  |  |
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Check boxes “Yes” or “No”

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| **Adjustments** |  | Comments |
| 8. Is the PI part of a WSU team? | 🞎Yes 🞎No |  |
| 9. Is the PI a new faculty member with little external funding or an established faculty member seeking funding to begin a new research initiative? | 🞎Yes 🞎No |  |
| 10. Is cost share being provided by the department and/or college? | 🞎Yes 🞎No |  |

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| **Overall Evaluation** | | |
| Fill in this Score **before** the meeting:  Interim Score (from 1st six criteria on pg. 1):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  | Fill in this score **after** the meeting:  Final Score (after discussion) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Interim Scores for each proposal are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015. Score sheets may be scanned and e-mailed to [rsp@wright.edu](mailto:rsp@wright.edu) or sent by fax to: ext. 3781. Interim Scores (individual scores by PI name) may also be sent in the text of an e-mail to: [rsp@wright.edu](mailto:rsp@wright.edu).

***Thank you!***