University of Vermont Health | University of Vermont Cancer Center

UVM Cancer Center Summer Research Fellowship Application Rubric

	Exemplary (1)	Very Good (2)	Satisfactory (3)	Fair (4)	Unacceptable (5)
Title (weight = 1)	Title accurately and precisely describes proposal	Title mostly describes proposal	Title somewhat describes proposal	Title does not accurately describe proposal	No title is included
Lay Summary (weight =2)	The lay summary uses accessible language and clearly conveys the overall significance of the project	The lay summary uses mostly accessible language and the overall significance is mostly clear	The lay summary uses adequately accessible language and the overall project significance is sufficiently clear	The lay summary does not use accessible language and/or the overall project significance is unclear	No lay summary is included
Academic Record/Previous Experience (weight = 1)	Applicant has strong qualifications as evidenced by any of the following: presentations/publications, awards/honors, professional experience, grants/fellowships etc.	Applicant has reasonably strong qualifications as evidenced by any of the following: presentations/publications, awards/honors, professional experience, grants/fellowships etc.	Applicant has adequate qualifications as evidenced by any of the following: presentations/publications, awards/honors, professional experience, grants/fellowships etc.	Applicant has insufficient qualifications as evidenced by any of the following: presentations/publications, awards/honors, professional experience, grants/fellowships etc.	No relevant experience is included in application

Proposal Narrative (weight = 3)	Proposal is well-written with clearly defined aims and goals. The methods are achievable for a summer project and reflect the aims/goals.	Proposal is understandable and the project aims/goals are mostly clear. The methods are mostly achievable for a summer project and reflect the aims/goals.	Proposal is mostly understandable and project aims/goals are sufficiently clear. The methods are somewhat achievable for a summer project and reflect the aims/goals.	Proposal is not well-written and/or project aims/goals are unclear. The methods are not achievable in a summer and/or do not reflect the aims/goals.	Proposal is unclear and/or project aims/goals are not included.
Cancer Relevance (weight = 2)	Project goals are directly cancer relevant	Project goals are mostly cancer relevant	Project goals are somewhat/indirectly cancer relevant	Project goals are not cancer relevant	No cancer relevant statement included
Student Outcomes (weight = 1)	Potential benefits to student and their career are clear and numerous	Potential benefits to student and their career are mostly clear and beyond a curriculum requirement	Potential benefits to student are moderate or appear to only fulfill a curriculum requirement	Potential benefits to student are unclear and limited	No potential benefits to student included
Mentoring plan/support (weight = 2)	The faculty mentor has a detailed and clear plan personalized for the student to ensure student success and has sufficient experience serving as a mentor.	The faculty mentor has a clear plan for ensuring student success and/or adequate experience mentoring students.	The faculty mentor's plan for ensuring student success is adequate and/or the mentor's experience supervising students is minimal	The faculty mentor does not have a plan for ensuring student success and/or does not have experience supervising students	No faculty mentor letter of support is included
Example of weights - Best Possible Score		12			
Worst Possible Score		60			

If you score as follows	Score	Weight	Final Score
Title	1	1	1
Lay Summary	2	2	4
Academic Record/Previous Experience	3	1	3
Proposal Narrative	1	3	3
Cancer Relevance	2	2	4
Student Outcomes	2	1	2
Mentoring plan/support	3	2	6
Total			23