

Research Proposal Rubric

Maximum: 38 points

Criteria	Does not meet	Slightly meets	Somewhat meets	Mostly meets	Fully meets
Research question is clearly stated, specific, and answerable	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Question is well-motivated using at least 2 sources	0	1	2	3	4
Important literature discussed and linked to research question; at least 4 peer-reviewed academic sources	0	1	2	3	4
Data set(s) used are clearly identified, appropriate, and cited	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Table of summary statistics includes key data sets, clearly and accurately conveys info in formatted table	0	1	2	3	4
Empirical specification clearly (equation form), variables defined	0	1	2	3	4
Empirical strategy and proposed analysis shows critical thinking	0	1	2	3	4
Assertions are qualified and well supported	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Discusses potential threats to interpretation and potential solutions	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Cited references included in properly-formatted bibliography	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Meets formatting requirements (length, paragraphs, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4
Writing style clear and easy to read. Few grammatical or typographical errors.	0	1	2	3	4

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