

- Guidelines for Reviewers

The O.U.R. reviewers will use the following guidelines to assess the O.U.R. grant proposals. Therefore, these guidelines should inspire and guide all students to prepare his/her research proposal.

- The proposal should have a **research hypothesis** or **question/thesis** or **creative idea** that is interesting, new, appropriate, and significant for an undergraduate project. The potential for future development of the project is a factor the reviewers will take into consideration.
- The applicant describes **research methods** that are appropriate to the discipline and the project.
- **Literature review** of relevant existing similar methods or/and interest in the field of research.
- Applicant explains his or her ideas in an organized and compelling way with a detailed **budget and timeline**.
- The faculty **mentor's support letter** strongly indicates that the research project is significant and gives strong evidence that the applicant has the qualifications to carry out the project successfully within the allocated time period. The mentor should clearly indicate his/her level of mentorship for the respective project. The mentor will be requested to enforce the research ethics during writing the proposal, as well as during his/her mentorship of the whole project, if accepted. Also, he/she should take care of having the appropriate I.R.B. approval for the project.
- Any proposal written in a peer-reviewed professional journal format is not acceptable and they will be rejected without review.
- The two criteria of eligibility, which are GPA/CGPA and enrollment Fall/Spring, should be verified. If any of the criteria are not fulfilled, the reviewer should make a remark in this sense in his/her report (eventually in the rubric, under the line **Grand Total Points (Part 1+Part II)**).