

## 2026-2027 STUDENT FUNDING AWARD FOR RESEARCH AND TRAVEL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### STUDENT FUNDING AWARD EVALUATION RUBRIC

**\*\*The Advisory Committee for the Office of Student Research will evaluate applications based on the following application rubric.\*\***

| Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
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| <b>General Overview:</b> Provides a concise overview of the project in language suitable for a non-expert audience. The general topic and broader impact or importance of the work is clearly explained                                                                                      | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Purpose of project:</b> Clearly explains the purpose of the project, and the methods s/he would use to undertake the project                                                                                                                                                              | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Background:</b> Clearly explains what others have said about the topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Significance:</b> Clearly explains the significance of the project to the field                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Preparation:</b> Clearly explains how courses and experiences have prepared the student(s) to undertake the project                                                                                                                                                                       | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Benefits:</b> Clearly explains the benefits the student(s) will receive from undertaking the project                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Rationale and Budget:</b> Presents a complete list of itemized and documented expenses that reflect state guidelines and reasonable expenditures. Provides a descriptive rationale for expenses or presentation at conference.                                                            | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |
| <b>Faculty recommendation:</b> Confirms that student requests funds for a viable research project, that the student is able to successfully complete the proposed project, and that the faculty mentor has reviewed and confirmed costs and confirmed funding of difference (if applicable). | 10        | 8             | 6       | 4             | 2    |