



Applicant #

ON DPG SCORING RUBRIC FOR RESEARCH GRANTS

	Excellent (3 points)	Adequate (2 points)	Needs Improvement (1 point)	Missing (0 points)	Score	Reviewer Comments
Introduction and Background	Provides a clear and complete introduction and background; nutrition-cancer related	Provides an introduction and background that is only somewhat significant but not as focused	Provides an introduction and background that is insignificant to the research	No introduction or background provided; not cancer related		
Specific Aims and Hypotheses	Includes objectives and specific aims, is a well-conceived and measurable research question	Includes a clear, but not measurable research objective and/or specific aims	Includes a vague, unmeasurable research question	No research question provided		
Methodology	Provides clear explanation of study design, setting, participants, data collection, etc; methods are clearly connected to the research question	Provides an adequate explanation of proposed methods but some details of the approach are missing	Provides an explanation of research methods but in an unorganized manner that is inconsistent with the research question	No research methodology provided		
Data Analysis or Statistical Plan	Described measures and analyses clear, concise, and relevant	Measures or analyses described but lacking specific details	Unclear or inappropriate measures or analyses described	No discussion of Measurable Outcome and Analyses provided		
Significance and Implications for Practice	Timeline and research are appropriate; shows innovation	Research is appropriate however, timeline is not feasible or study not	Research is appropriate, however, unclear on timeline. Lacks innovation.	Neither research nor timeline are feasible for conducting the research.		

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Professional Writing	Excellent; easy to read and understand; void of errors	Acceptable; mostly easy to read and understand; void of errors	Needs Improvement; writing was understandable , but there were a few errors	Unacceptable ; writing detracted from the meaning of the abstract		
Itemized Budget and Justification	Clear and detailed budget with justification; appropriate for this project	Adequate explanation of proposed budget with justification; adequate for this project	Vague explanation of proposed budget with broad justification; budget seems inadequate for the project	No itemized budget or justification included		