

Dean’s Summer Research Projects- Reviewer Scoring Guide

Criterion	Description	Weight
Project Feasibility	Project scope is appropriate for completion within the seven-week research period; objectives, methods, timelines, and deliverables are realistic and clearly defined.	30%
Student Learning Experience	Project provides meaningful opportunities for students to develop research knowledge, skills, critical thinking, and scholarly communication.	30%
Mentorship & Student Support	Supervisor has outlined a clear mentorship plan, including guidance, feedback, accessibility, and opportunities for student engagement throughout the project.	25%
Student-Centered Design	Project is suitable for students with varying levels of research experience, includes clear expectations, and supports student success and participation.	15%
Total		100%

Rating Scale

Score	Description
5	Excellent: Criterion fully addressed; exceeds expectations.
4	Strong: Criterion well addressed with minor limitations.
3	Acceptable: Criterion adequately addressed.
2	Limited: Criterion partially addressed; significant concerns.
1	Poor: Criterion minimally addressed or unclear.
0	Not addressed.

Mandatory Funding Requirement

Projects receiving less than 50% of available points in the Mentorship and Student Support category are not eligible for funding, regardless of their overall score.



Reviewer Guidance

The purpose of the Dean's Summer Research Projects program is to provide students with a meaningful, structured, and supported introduction to research. Reviewers should therefore assess applications through the lens of the student experience and consider:

- To what extent will this project provide a meaningful, achievable, and well-supported summer research experience for a medical student?

Scores across all criteria should reflect the project's ability to provide:

- Appropriate scope and feasibility;
- Strong mentorship and support;
- Meaningful student engagement and learning opportunities; and
- Alignment with the program's student-centered goals.

Reviewer Comments

Reviewers are encouraged to identify strengths and provide suggestions for improvement, particularly where modifications could improve project feasibility, student learning opportunities, or mentorship.

Comments will be shared with applicants and should be respectful, constructive, and specific.