

STEP 2: Complete [“Student Self-Guided Scholarship Project” Proposal Form](#). Rubric below for grading purposes.

Category	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Project Rationale	Does not seem to understand the issue/problem and/or the relevant literature.	Demonstrates some understanding of the issue/problem and of the relevant literature.	Provides an adequate understanding of the issue/problem and of the relevant literature.	Provides an excellent understanding of the issue/problem and of the relevant literature.
Research Questions/Hypotheses/Study Objectives	Research Questions, Hypotheses, or Study Objectives are not provided.	Research Questions, Hypotheses, or Study Objectives are very unfocused or incomplete.	Research Questions, Hypotheses, or Study Objectives are somewhat unfocused, need refinement.	Research Questions, Hypotheses, or Study Objectives are well-developed and clearly articulated.
Significance of Study	Does not explain how this study informs larger body of knowledge or how it will advance student’s educational and career goals.	Somewhat explains how this study informs larger body of knowledge and how it will advance student’s educational and career goals.	Adequately explains how this study informs larger body of knowledge or how it will advance student’s educational and career goals.	Excellent explanation of how this study informs the larger body of knowledge and how it will enhance the student’s educational and career goals.
Plan of Work	Methods and approach not well described; methods and approaches not correct for study; does not explain any partnerships or connections needed to complete work.	Methods and approach are minimally described; methods and approaches may be inadequate; does not explain any partnerships or connections needed to complete work.	Methods and approach are adequately described; methods and approaches are appropriate; mentions partnerships or connections needed to complete work.	Exceptional discussion of the methods and approaches; methods and approaches are appropriate; fully explains any partnerships or connections needed to complete work.
Proposed Timeline	Timeline does not include many of the following elements: a proposed start date, a timeline for completing significant milestones in the plan of work, a projected submission date; timeline is unreasonable in terms of time and resources available.	Timeline includes some of the following elements: a proposed start date, a timeline for completing significant milestones in the plan of work, a projected submission date; timeline may not be reasonable in terms of time and resources available.	Timeline includes a proposed start date, a timeline for completing significant milestones in the plan of work, and a projected submission date; there are some concerns about the practicality of the timeline and/or resources available.	Timeline includes a proposed start date, a timeline for completing significant milestones in the plan of work, and a projected submission date; timeline is reasonable in terms of time and resources available.