

Section	Context	Maximum Points	Comments
Research Problem	What is the background of this problem? Is the need for research clearly identified?	20	
Existing Literature	What has been written about your topic before? Is the existing body of knowledge clearly addressed?	10	
Research Question	Does your proposal contain a central research question? Is the question specific enough?	25	
Methodology	How will this research be conducted? Is the methodology clearly laid out?	25	
Research Topic	Is the topic creative, innovative, and/or urgent? Does the proposal justify the need to research this topic?	15	
Quality of Writing	Is the proposal free of grammatical errors? Is the writing clear? Is it directed toward an appropriate audience?	5	