

Scoring Criteria for MWS Research Grants
2022 Grant Cycle

The following are items to be scored for each application that passes the first round of review ensuring that all required information is provided, and the application meets all stated criteria:

- **The introduction provides a short, clear and concise overview of the research:** **1** the overview is comprehensive **2** the overview is good **3** the overview is mediocre **4** the overview is lacking **5** the overview is severely lacking
- **The method is clearly explained and is appropriate for the research:** **1** the method is very clear and appropriate **2** the method is somewhat clear and appropriate **3** the method is presented but more information could have been presented **4** the method is not very clear and/or appropriate **5** the method is not presented
- **The population and sample are clearly explained and are appropriate for the research:** **1** the population and sample are very clear and appropriate **2** the population and sample are somewhat clear and appropriate **3** the population and sample are presented but more information could have been presented **4** the population and sample are not very clear and/or appropriate **5** the population and sample are not presented
- **An appropriate and valid research question(s) or hypothesis provides the basis for the study and is clearly provided in the abstract:** **1** the research question(s) or hypothesis is very appropriate and valid **2** the research question(s) or hypothesis is somewhat appropriate and valid **3** the research question(s) or hypothesis is presented but more information could have been presented **4** the research question(s) or hypothesis is not very appropriate and/or valid **5** the research question(s) or hypothesis is not presented
- **The purpose of research is clearly explained:** **1** the purpose is very clear and appropriate **2** the purpose is somewhat clear and appropriate **3** the purpose is presented but more information could have been presented **4** the purpose is not very clear and/or appropriate **5** the purpose is not presented
- **The LOI presents a clear and appropriate timeline for the research project:** **1** the timeline is very clear and appropriate **2** the timeline is somewhat clear and appropriate **3** the timeline is presented but more information could have been presented **4** the timeline is not very clear and/or appropriate **5** the timeline is not presented
- **The LOI presents a clear and appropriate budget for the research project:** **1** the budget is very clear and appropriate **2** the budget is somewhat clear and appropriate **3** the budget is presented but more information could have been presented **4** the budget is not very clear and/or appropriate **5** the budget is not presented
- **The request aligns very well with the research priorities of MWSF:** **1** Strongly agree; **2** agree; **3** Neither agree nor disagree; **4** Disagree; **5** Strongly disagree
- **The request clearly involves interdisciplinary collaboration and the sharing of resources:** **1** Strongly agree; **2** agree; **3** Neither agree nor disagree; **4** Disagree; **5** Strongly disagree