Criteria for first version	First Version Proposal					
	First Version Proposal Outstanding (100%)	**First Version Proposal Above average** (85%)	**First Version Proposal good** (75%)	**First Version Proposal insufficient or lacking** (65%)	**First Version Proposal poor** (50%)	**First Version Proposal absent/missing** (0%)
Abstract (15% Weighting)	15 percent Abstract provides a complete and informative description of the proposal, its value and methods of evaluation	13 percent Abstract provides a complete description of the proposal, its value and methods of evaluation. Improvements could be made in the structure and comprehensiveness of the abstract	11 percent Abstract provides a description of the proposal, and its methods of evaluation. Improvements could be made in the structure and comprehensive nature of the value and methods to be utilized in the project.	10 percent Abstract provides an adequate description of the proposal, and its methods of evaluation. Improvements could be made in the structure and comprehensive nature of the value and methods to be utilized in the project.	8 percent Abstract provides an incomplete description of the proposal, and its methods of evaluation. Improvements must be made in the structure and comprehensive nature of the value and methods to be utilized in the project.	0 percent Abstract was missing or incomplete
Introduction (25% Weighting)	25 percent The introduction provides a larger context for the work, explaining why it is important. It has a thorough review of the previous related literature and is adequately and correctly cited within the text.	21 percent The introduction provides a larger context for the work, explaining why it is important. It has a relatively thorough review of the previous related literature and is adequately and correctly cited within the text.	19 percent The introduction provides a context for the work, but does not adequately explain why it is important. It lacks a thorough review of the previous related literature and is in adequately or incorrectly cited within the text.	16 percent Context of the proposal is unclear with incomplete review of relevant literature.	13 percent	0 percent
Research Objective (5% Weighting)	5 percent The introduction ends with a clear statement of the research objectives.	4 percent The introduction ends with a statement of the research objectives.	4 percent The introduction ends with a vague statement of the research objectives.	3 percent The introduction does not end with a clear statement of the research objectives.	3 percent The research objective is not clearly stated	0 percent There is no research objective stated.
Methods (20% Weighting)	20 percent Overall desgin is clearly outlined. It addresses the posed question clearly and is scientifically sound.	17 percent The design addresses the question posed effectively and will yield results in a sound data collection strategy.	15 percent Experimental design needs some refinement, but provides details on the treatment groups and makes it pretty clear what question is posed.	13 percent Experimental design needs significant reorganziation. Precise details are lacking, but the question is sound.	10 percent Treatment groups are poorly defined. The experiment proposed does not take into accound the current state of knowledge on the topic and/or is not evolutionarily sound. Data collection is rudimentary. It is unclear what precisely will be measured or how.	0 percent Overall design is lacking, No strategy for data collection is provided.
Data Analysis (0% Weighting)	0 percent Data anylysis is clearly outlined and tied to data collection and experimental design.	0 percent Data analysis is clearly preseneted but needs additional clarification.	0 percent Data analysis in mentioned but not explained adequately.	0 percent Data analysis is not provided in sufficient detail.	0 percent Data analysis is inadequate.	0 percent Data analysis is missing.
Anticipated results and Broader	5 percent Shows reasonable anticipated results (eventually backed up by some references). Clearly	4 percent Shows anticipated results but they seem fairly unrealistic. Vaguely ties research	4 percent Shows anticipated results but they seem unrealistic or described too vaguely. Research	3 percent Either anticipated results or research objectives is missing.	3 percent research objectives or anticipated results is missing and very unrealistic.	0 percent Broader perspectives and anticipated results are missing.

Implications (5% Weighting)	ties research objectives to a larger social or scientific need.	objectives to a larger social or scientific need.	objectives are really vague or not really broad.			
Citations (10% Weighting)	10 percent Adequate to support proposal and correctly formatted.	9 percent incompletely cited or format errors	8 percent Incompletely cited AND format errors.	7 percent Very poorly cited.	5 percent Very poorly cited and formatting errors.	0 percent Citations are lacking or absent.
Resume (or CV) (5% Weighting)	5 percent resume shows adequate information about the ability of the PI to conduct the work proposed	4 percent resume shows some information about the ability of the PI to conduct the work proposed	4 percent resume shows little information about the ability of the PI to conduct the work proposed	3 percent resume include scientific facts but it is not in relation to the proposal proposed	3 percent resume does include much scientific facts	0 percent resume is not present
Timeline (5% Weighting)	5 percent Timeline is precise, organized and is well thought. It ties well with the methods section.	4 percent Timeline is quite rough and fairly well thought. It seems to ties quite adequately with the methods section.	4 percent Timeline is too succinct. One cannot tie it well with the methods.	3 percent Timeline is very short and inadequate when compared to the methods (obvious missing parts).	3 percent Timeline is present but seems to be disconnected from the methods.	0 percent timeline is missing
Budget (5% Weighting)	5 percent Budget is well thought and reflects very well the methods section.	4 percent Budget seems adequate when compared to the methods.	4 percent Budget seems too small or overestimated.	3 percent Budget is definitely too small or overestimated.	3 percent Budget is inadequate and has large items not included or suggested in the methods section.	0 percent budget is missing
Overall (5% Weighting)	5 percent The proposal flows clearly and logically. All sections are completely and appropriately cited.	4 percent The proposal is sequenced logically and provides a nice flow from the general to the specifics of the work. Some reorganization or additions are needed. The proposal needs more citation.	4 percent One or more sections missing or significant technical writing errors.	3 percent Multiple sections missing and/or riddled with writing errors.	3 percent Technical writing errors permeate paper. Writing center consultation is expected.	0 percent