

McKay Research Application

David O. McKay School of Education

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF ALL PROPOSALS

All proposals will be evaluated on the following (see also Research Guidelines at education.byu.edu/research/GuidelinesforResearch.pdf):

1. **Statement of Problem** -- clear and convincing rationale; relevance to real-world problem(s) and to School of Education and Department goals; clear objectives and research questions.
2. **Review of Literature** -- critical analysis of recent literature supporting need for the study; evidence of potential for extending existing knowledge base.
3. **Procedures** -- adequate design to answer research questions; realistic time-line; definition of roles of participants; appropriateness of data analyses; protection of subjects.
4. **Proposed Products** -- plans for dissemination; intended audience/publication and contribution to educational practice; plans for student mentoring.
5. **Budget** -- clear narrative of each budget line-item to show adequacy and appropriateness of expenditures. (Note: Travel funds are limited; no funding is provided for conference travel).

THE RESEARCHER'S PROPOSAL

The researcher should attach a proposal describing the project (attending to the criteria listed above). Prior to submitting the proposal, the researcher should discuss and receive feedback on the proposal from colleagues, the department representative to the School of Education Research Committee, and the Department Chair. After receiving feedback, proposal should be submitted via email to the Department Chair saved in the following format: **Lastname_first_MSE.doc**. Proposals will only be accepted from the Department Chair.

HISTORY OF PAST FUNDING BY THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Faculty members who have received School of Education research funds in the last three years should indicate the name of the funded project(s) for each year, the amounts awarded, and products resulting from that project. Products include publications, manuscripts currently under submission, external funds awarded or applied for. Please describe briefly the nature of the publication format (e.g., type of journal, peer review, rejection rate).

THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S STATEMENT

The Department Chair should attach a statement regarding the proposal. Typically, the chair will have been involved in the early discussion and refinement of the proposal and can indicate the proposal's potential contribution to the mission and goals of the department. He/She will then submit your proposal and his/her statement to the Office of the Dean.

Completed applications and Department Chair recommendations should be submitted to Daniela Cisternas (daniela_cisternas@byu.edu) by the date posted on the research website (education.byu.edu/research).