

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by members of the PA Middle School Association Higher Education and Research Grant Committee in combination with outside reviewers. The chairperson will assign three blind reviewers to each proposal. Recommendations for funding will be made to the Association's Board of Directors for final approval. All applicants will be notified of the outcome six weeks from the date the application was received. The grant recipients will receive a letter from PMSA announcing the award.

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria, which are weighted as follows:

Proposal Review:

Criteria	Weight
a. Significance of Research Questions	4
b. Rationale for the Research	4
c. Adequacy of Methods	4
d. Significance of Project Impact	3
e. Clarity and Specificity	5

Criteria will be ranked from 1 (low) to 5 (high), and then multiplied by the corresponding weights listed above for a possible total point value of 100.