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## Research Project Rubric

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# Western Libraries Undergraduate Research Awards

## Research Project Rubric (20 points)

Criteria	Developing (0-6 points)	Competent (7-13 points)	Exemplary (14-20 points)
<i>Did the applicant(s) produce a research project with a clear argument/conclusion?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fails to offer an identifiable argument/conclusion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers an argument/ conclusion that is not entirely developed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents a clear argument/ conclusion that is well developed.</li> </ul>
<i>Did the applicant(s) organize their project so that it is easy to follow and intelligible for a general audience (well-written, well-spoken, well-produced, well-filmed)?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers a disorganized project that lacks clarity, making it difficult to follow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a well-organized project that is only occasionally inaccessible to a broader audience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizes their project in such a way that it flows smoothly and is accessible to a general audience.</li> </ul>
<i>Did the applicant(s) properly quote, paraphrase, and provide credit to their sources in their research project?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cites with multiple errors and often misrepresents their sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes occasional citation errors and largely avoids misusing their sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides proper citations and engages faithfully with their sources.</li> </ul>
<i>Did the applicant(s) critically engage with the sources they cite/use in their research project?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepts their sources at face value without questioning them.</li> <li>• Avoids turning to sources offering different perspectives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses several sources but does not always critically engage with them.</li> <li>• Uses sources that offer some diverging perspectives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions their sources and properly integrates them into their project.</li> <li>• References sources of varying perspectives.</li> </ul>
<i>Did the applicant(s) choose sources that were appropriate for their research project (primary vs. secondary, scholarly vs. popular, traditional knowledge, etc.)?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turns to sources that are related to their topic but that do not allow them to answer their research question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses several sources to answer their research question but not all of them are entirely relevant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engages with a range of relevant sources to answer their research question.</li> </ul>