

Criteria	Excellent	Meets Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Unsatisfactory
<i>Contribution to the scholarly conversation of the library profession (30%, or a total of 30 points)</i>	Clearly defines a focused issue and its importance to the library profession. Explains in detail how the project will impact and contribute to scholarship 25-30 points	Identifies an issue or range of issue of importance to the library community. Explains how the project will impact and contribute to scholarship 15-24 points	Identifies an issue with limited importance to the library community. Notes potential contributions to the scholarly conversation 5-14 points	No issue identified, or identified with insufficient detail. Little detail regarding project activities or contribution to the scholarly conversation 0 - 4 points
<i>Other benefits to IPAL, IPAL members, academic libraries, and library users (30% or a total of 30 points)</i>	Addresses in detail how project activities or outcomes contribute to the goals of IPAL member libraries, or the IPAL consortium 25-30 points	Describes adequately how project activities or outcomes could contribute in general to academic libraries. Relates activities and outcomes to IPAL goals 15-24 points	Describes in a basic way how project activities or outcomes will benefit some subset of library users, academic libraries in general, or IPAL libraries 5-14 points	Describes benefits from project activities and outcomes which apply primarily to those host library 0-4 points
<i>Intended audience (10%, or a total of 10 points)</i>	Plan to publish findings beyond IPAL nationally 10 points	Plan to share beyond IPAL regionally 6-9 points	Plan to share within IPAL membership 1-5 points	Makes no plan to share 0 points
<i>Budget (10% or a total of 10 points)</i>	A realistic and detailed budget with proof of amounts provided 9-10 points	An adequate budget with estimated costs provided 5-8 points	Basic budget with vague or little detail provided 1-4 points	No budget information provided 0 points
<i>Assessment plan (10% or a total of 10 points)</i>	Well articulated assessment plan that includes feedback from an outside source 9-10 points	Adequate assessment plan 5-8 points	Basic Assessment plan with vague or little detail provided 1-4 points	No plan of assessment 0 points
<i>Timeline for research project (10%, or a total of 10 points)</i>	Well articulated and justified timeline for project 9-10 points	Adequate and reasonable timeline for project 5-8 points	Basic timeline with vague or little detail provided 1-4 points	No timeline provided 0 points