

| Criteria | Excellent | Meets Expectations | Approaching Expectations | Unsatisfactory |
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| <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 |