

Penn State Harrisburg
Application for Research Council or Interdisciplinary Grant

Project Evaluation and Endorsement
(to be completed by School Director)

Dear School Director:

Your evaluation and endorsement of proposals from your unit is a necessary and critical component of the Research Council grant application process. To assist us in developing a concise and accurate understanding of your assessment, we ask that you complete a "Project Evaluation and Endorsement" form for each application submitted to Research Council from your unit. Only applications accompanied by a completed form will be considered for funding. You may add a separate letter if you wish.

To assist investigators in improving their proposals, we encourage you to share and discuss your concise evaluation with the applicant.

PART A

Principal Investigator: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

Additional Investigators(s): _____

Position: _____

School: _____

Project Title: _____

Please list prior/pending support for this/other projects, including previous Research Council Grants or other College/School funding: _____

PART B

1. Please assess the following qualities or components of the proposed project in comparison with other projects funded by Research Council or by similar grant programs with which you are familiar. Place a check mark in the column best describing your assessment.

	Fair	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
Background discussion				
Clarity and specificity of objectives				
Clear and appropriate methodology				
Significance to field				
Potential for future research				
Potential for future external funding				
Relation of PI's training and prior research to project				
Motivation of PI to complete project				
Appropriate budget				

2. Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement by placing an “X” along the scale:

Not recommended	Recommended with some reservation	Recommended	Highly recommended
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School Director’s signature

PART C

School Director: Please use this section to write any additional comments or explanations of items in PART B