

Inquiry Proposal Assessment Rubric

Criteria	Meets the Standard	Approaches the Standard	Diverges from the Standard
Question	4 A clear, feasible and significant research question is explained, as well as a hypothesis if appropriate.	2 The explanation of the question is too broad or the description fails to establish the importance of the topic.	1 The question is unclear or inappropriate.
Research Plan	4 The purpose, design and methods are adequately explained, and they align appropriately with the question.	2 The purpose, design and/or methods section is not adequately described; or, these are not logically aligned to the question.	1 The purpose, design or methods section is missing; or, these are poorly described; or, these are not logically aligned to the question.
Rationale	4 The explanation of how the study will help fill a gap in the knowledge of the discipline is compelling and thoroughly explained.	2 The explanation of how the study will help fill a gap in the knowledge could be more compelling and/or thoroughly explained.	1 The explanation of how the study will help fill a gap in the knowledge is not compelling and/or poorly explained.
Data	5 There is a thorough description of the data to be collected, the means of collecting the data and the sample to be studied. Appropriate reasons are given for each of these choices.	3 The description of the data to be collected, the means of collecting the data and/or the sample to be studied is not thorough. The reasons given for one or more of these could be more compelling.	1 The description of the data to be collected, the means of collecting the data and/or the sample to be studied is inadequate. The reasons given for these choices are missing or not compelling.
Challenges	4 The description of anticipated challenges is thorough and thoughtful.	2 The description of anticipated challenges is appropriate, but lacks detail or foresight.	1 The description of anticipated challenges is insufficient or inappropriate.
Ethics and Safety	4 There is a thorough and thoughtful plan for expected approvals, permissions and safety considerations.	2 The plan for expected approvals, permissions and safety considerations lacks detail or foresight.	1 The plan for expected approvals, permissions and safety is insufficient or inappropriate.

STUDENT: _____

TOTAL: _____ / 25

COMMENTS: