

Fellowship Application Rating Sheet and Criteria

Applicant: _____

Rate 1 to 4 1=outstanding 2=excellent, 3=very good 4=good	Evaluation Criteria	Suggested Measures of Criteria
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overall Score	Consider your assessment of each of the components. The overall score reflects the rating of applicants relative to one another. Rate no more than x applicants an overall score of 1 because x fellowships are available.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of Current and Past Research	What is the scientific merit of the research? Does the work have scientific impact? Does it advance the field?
		How original and creative is the research program?
		How rigorous is the analytical design and the research methods? How closely do they correspond to the specific research questions?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of Proposed Research Program Score	What is the scientific merit of the research? Does the work have scientific impact? Does it advance the field?
		How original and creative is the research program?
		How rigorous is the analytical design and the research methods? How closely do they correspond to the specific research questions?
		Has the research skills or a plan for obtaining skills that are necessary to complete the research?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Relevance of Proposed Research to Demography Score	Does the proposed research program directly contribute to demography?
		Does it engage a literature or an important question in demography?
		How does it contribute to theory or policy or advance science in demography, broadly defined?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance in Graduate Program Score	Demonstrated academic success in their graduate program, performed well in coursework and seminars,
		Progressed through their academic program at a reasonable rate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent Research Experience Score	Demonstrated research initiative
		Completed papers where sole, primary or equal author.
		How original or substantial was the student's contribution to collaborative research projects? [ask letter writers to comment on this last aspect]
		Demography-related coursework
		Presentations at population conferences. Publications in demography journals.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Asses the strength of the supporting letter.
		Assess potential for good placement and future productivity.

	Contribution and Promise Score	Here is where one may consider evaluative criteria like contributions to diversity, being a person of color, topics that are particularly timely or exciting, research with the potential for helping to save the world!
	Mentoring Score	How well will the student be mentored?
		Will the student have apprenticeship research opportunities directed by a population scientist who has high potential for effective mentorship?
		Does the student's home department strongly support demographic training? Does it provide a supportive environment to ensure success?