

Characteristics of Good and Compelling FR&D Proposals

FR&D committee members look to fund proposals that are thoughtfully written, supported by evidence, and clearly aligned with the applicant's ongoing research and/or development agenda.

A good proposal will:

- Describe a feasible project that can be supported by the category for which the individual applies
- Avoid disciplinary jargon whenever possible
- Be clear, concise, and complete (all questions are answered)

A compelling proposal will:

- Clearly support the applicant's current or ongoing research agenda
- Articulate how the work supports current trends or growing research areas in the applicant's discipline/field
- Identify a clear or set of clear outcomes
- Demonstrate how potential outcome(s) will directly benefit the applicant's goals as a scholar, impact the discipline/profession, lead to recognition, and/or impact the University or the community
- Provide clear and adequate details about budget, timeline, and financial assistance requested

A note regarding development proposals:

- Developmental proposals should illustrate clear connections to, advancement of, and eventual outcomes in scholarship or creative activity