

## Innovation Awards Rubric

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Category	Criterion	Exceeds (3)	Meets (2)	Partially Meets (1)
Innovation	Project is focused on an innovative approach to improve or deepen student learning (not just an equipment purchase).	The project focuses on teaching that is innovative for the instructor, department, college, or institution.	The primary focus of the project is an innovative teaching method for the instructor.	The project focuses on teaching and learning, but the methods used are not innovative (would continue the current status quo in the course).
Feasibility & Risk	Project is feasible and could be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding. Associated risks are worth the cost.		The proposed idea is feasible and could be completed within 12 months of receiving the funds. Any risks are outweighed by the benefits of the project's outcome.	The proposed idea is feasible but may extend beyond a 12-month time frame after receiving the funds. Any risks are outweighed by the benefits of the project's outcome.
Budget	Project budget and justification is included in the final application.		The project budget and justification section is mostly filled out and includes some approximate hours of work and associated costs.	The project budget and justification section is partially filled out but may be missing some associated costs and hours of work.
Impact	*Project idea either: 1. Achieves a broad impact on student learning. 2. Achieves a deep impact on student learning.	The proposed idea will have a broad and deep impact on student learning.	The proposed idea will have either a broad impact on student learning, or a deep impact on student learning.	The proposed idea is unlikely to achieve a broad or deep impact on student learning.
Scale	*Proposed idea can be scaled out to additional students beyond the initial project target audience.	The project idea can be scaled beyond the initial audience to others beyond the discipline, department, college, or institution.	The project idea can be scaled out beyond the initial student audience to others in the college.	The project idea can be scaled out beyond the initial student audience to others in the department.

[\\* View this Harvard resource for additional information on Expanding Depth and Breadth](#)

## Supplemental Assessment Categories

Category	Criterion	Exceeds (3)	Meets (2)	Partially Meets (1)
Assessment & Evaluation	Project proposes an appropriate method of assessment and evaluation to measure project outcomes.	The project proposal includes an assessment and evaluation plan with outcome measures directly related to the proposed impact.	The project proposal includes an assessment and evaluation plan without clarifying the connection between outcome measures and proposed impacts.	The project proposal includes information on assessment and evaluation activities without a clear plan.
Citations	Project application indicates that other research has been done on this topic already.	The project proposal is built on evidence-based research, and citations have been included in the application.	The project proposal includes citations and discusses research that has been done by others.	The project includes some citations, a cursory examination of similar projects has been performed by the instructor.

**The items below are not scored, but will be taken into consideration when reviewing applications.**

Category	Criterion	Exceeds (3)	Meets (2)	Partially Meets (1)
Sharing	Project application includes a method of sharing the results with others.	The proposal also includes a method of sharing the results widely so that others may learn from it.	The proposal includes a method of sharing the results across the college or discipline so that others may learn from it.	The proposal includes a method of sharing the results in one department.
Involvement & Collaboration	Project proposes a collaboration with another grant or involvement with another project.		The proposed project is in collaboration with another grant with funding that has already secured and is not contingent on this award funding.	