

**Proposal Assessment Rubric** – The Research Development Team focuses its efforts on proposals that primarily fall in column 1 or that fall into some combination of columns 1 and 2.

Complexity Factors	1	2	3
Funding Mechanism/ Project Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-component, and/or national-level research or resource center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training, Equipment or Infrastructure proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>
Administrative or Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires high level coordination between multiple organizations</li> <li>Award budget &gt;\$5M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires significant internal coordination among ORGS</li> <li>Award budget \$1-\$5M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>
Team Scope and Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple investigators on large cross-domain team with internal and/or external partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small team of two or more related domain</li> <li>Ohio State investigator(s); may have external partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>
Strategic Significance Factors	1	2	3
Reputational Impact/ Leadership Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio State prime on multi-institutional, few awarded competition</li> <li>Ohio State-centric, multi-domain, few awarded competition</li> <li>Unique or infrequent opportunity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio State non-prime lead on one or more components of multi-institutional, few awarded competition</li> <li>Ohio State-centric, domain focused, few awarded competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>
Institutional Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverages existing central university investment or articulated priorities</li> <li>Establishes beachhead in identified high-growth potential area(s)</li> <li>Engages key local, regional, or national stakeholder(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverages academic or research unit identified growth priority</li> <li>Supports new partnership development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>
Competitive Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognized institutional strength</li> <li>Experienced leadership team</li> <li>Prior funding or collaboration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilizes known research capacity</li> <li>Favorable/addressable prior proposal reviews and/or last round of eligibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>
Future Positioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required preliminary competition</li> <li>Niche or building block proposal in high growth potential, emerging area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required white paper/preliminary proposal with encourage/discourage action</li> <li>Engages junior faculty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other proposals</li> </ul>