

# Evaluation Form Research Proposal NWI-BM-RESPROP (6EC)

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## FOR EACH CATEGORY YOU WILL BE ASKED TO:

- a) score one or more criterions;
- b) give an overall category grade and;
- c) provide feedback

**You will be asked to give the final course grade at the end of the survey. This grade is NOT calculated automatically from the category grades.**

**To allow for differences between scientific fields/disciplines, the relative weights of the categories are not specified.**

**A supervisor has to decide and communicate to the student why and how sub-grades for the different categories will add up to the final grade.**

**YOU CAN USE THE QUESTION-INDEX IN THE RIGHT UPPER CORNER TO NAVIGATE FREELY TROUGH THE SURVEY.**

There are 47 questions in this survey.

## Information examiner

**Name: \***

Please write your answer here:

**Employee number: \***

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## 0. General Requirements

**a. Between 6,000 and 12,000 words (excluding footnotes/endnotes, title page and references):**  
i.e. at most 5 pages review, 3 pages discussion of a research article and 8 pages research description.

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❗ Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (explain in feedback)

**b. Kept to deadlines / Finished final version within formal or agreed time frame for a 6 EC assignment.**

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❗ Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (explain in feedback)

**c. Rebuttal to feedback on first version is included.**

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❗ Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (explain in feedback)

**d. Clear layout. Citations are in a correct and the same style throughout the review.**

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❗ Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (explain in feedback)

**e. All sources are named. The review article is written in own words and free from plagiarism.**

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❗ Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (explain in feedback)

**Feedback on GENERAL REQUIREMENTS as a whole:**

Please write your answer here:

# 1. Significance and Originality

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<div>The proposed research details about a new question in the field.</div> <div>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</div>	<div>The proposed research details about a traditional question in the field in an original way.</div> <div>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</div>	<div>The proposed research details about a traditional question in the field.</div> <div>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</div>	<div>The proposed research is nearly a copy of existing research.</div> <div>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</div>
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**Feedback:**

Please write your answer here:

**Category score:**

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Please write your answer here:

## 2. Abstract

### a. Content and structure of text abstract \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The abstract covers all important points of the proposal, entices the reader to read it and the internal logic is sound. The abstract is as concise as possible.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The abstract covers almost all important points of the proposal, entices the reader to read it and internal logic of the abstract is sound.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>The abstract covers most important points of the proposal, tries to entice the reader to read it and succeeds partly. The internal logic of the abstract could at places have been better.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>The abstract covers mostly unimportant points. The abstract does not try to entice the reader to read the proposal. The internal logic is missing.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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## b. Quality of graphical abstract \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The graphical abstract is clear and supports the proposal in a major way. The biological problem underlying the proposed research is described well.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The graphical abstract is clear and supports the proposal in a major way. The biological problem underlying the proposed research is described reasonably well, but a few aspects are missing.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>The graphical abstract is relatively clear and supports the proposal. The biological problem underlying the proposed research is described reasonably, but some aspects are missing.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>The graphical abstract is only partly understandable after much difficulty and does not support the proposal. The abstract does not explain the biological problem underlying the proposal.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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### 3. Introduction and Objective

#### a. Background information \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	The background information is completely on topic. Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)	The background information is mostly on topic and all essential information is given. Only small amounts of off topic information are given. Merit (7.0 - 8.0)	The background information is mostly on topic, but some essential information is missing and some off topic information is given. Pass (6.0 - 7.0)	Background information is mostly off topic and essential background information is missing. Fail (< 5.0)
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## b. Discussion of the research article \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>The discussion of the research article is excellent and it evaluates relevant methods and results. No irrelevant information is discussed. Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</b>	<b>The discussion of the research article is good, evaluates the methods and results critically in most places. Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</b>	<b>The discussion of the research article is acceptable, but there is no clear difference between relevant and irrelevant sections. Methods and results are not critically evaluated in most places. Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</b>	<b>The discussion of the research article is trivial and sections of the article that are irrelevant to the proposed research dominate, while essential parts of the article are left undiscussed. Fail (&lt; 5.0)</b>
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Please write your answer here:

## 4. Objective of the research

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The main question is clear, researchable and arises from the background information in a completely logical way. The delineation is completely clear.</p> <p>The aims/hypotheses/sub-questions are clear and have a clear role in answering the main question. They also take into account other possible routes to answer the main question.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The main question is clear and researchable, and arises from the background information in a mostly logical way, though other main questions might also have been formulated. The delineation is clear. The aims/hypotheses/sub-questions are clear and have a clear role in answering the main question.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>The main question is mostly clear, but could have been defined more clearly at some points and the supervisor must be able to say how. The main question arises mostly from the background information. The delineation is mostly clear. Most of the aims/hypotheses/sub-questions are clear and help to answer the main question, though not completely.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>The main question is unclear, not researchable and does not arise logically from the background information. Delineation of the subject is weak. Most of the aims/hypotheses/sub-questions are unclear and will play almost no role in answering the main question.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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# 5. Approach of the research

## a. Link between objectives and proposed methods \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<div>The proposed methods help to answer all objectives in the best way possible.</div> <div>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</div>	<div>The proposed methods help to answer all the objectives, once or twice better experiments could have been proposed.</div> <div>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</div>	<div>The proposed methods help to answer most of the objectives, however often better experiments could have been proposed.</div> <div>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</div>	<div>The proposed methods only help to answer small parts of the objectives.</div> <div>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</div>
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## b. Description and feasibility of the proposed methods \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The proposed methods are feasible and a logical unit. The limitations are discussed thoroughly and possible solutions to these limitations are given. Experimental parameters are good. Expected results are described in depth and connected to the research questions.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The proposed methods are feasible and limitations are discussed thoroughly. Model systems are discussed, some are sub-optimal. A few other experimental parameters might be improved, but overall the methods are useful. Expected results are described.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>The proposed methods are feasible and limitations are discussed trivially. Model systems are discussed, but the chosen systems are sub-optimal. Other experimental parameters might be off as well. Expected results are only briefly alluded to.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>Most parts of the methods are not described properly, are not feasible. Model systems are not mentioned. No information about expected results is given.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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## c. Timetable \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The timetable is workable and the order of the experiments fits the central question and the sub-questions perfectly.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The timetable is workable, but the order of the experiments is not completely logical based on the central question and the sub-questions.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 -8.0)</p>	<p>The timetable has a few problematic aspects, but could easily be made workable.</p> <p>The timetable shows the student is reasonably able to plan experiments.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>The timetable shows that the research proposal is not thought through.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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### Category score:

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# 6. Innovation and impact

## a. Innovation of the research \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The proposed research will make a considerable contribution by addressing a relevant question that extends beyond the field. The subject of the proposal is exciting in its novelty.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The proposed research will make a reasonable contribution by addressing a relevant question in the field. The subject is original.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>The proposed research will make a modest contribution by addressing a relevant but small and traditional question in the field.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>The proposed research will make almost no contribution to the field.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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**b. Impact of the research \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>Several stakeholders with clear interests in the research are identified and how they will benefit is described clearly. The impact of the research has been described to its full extent.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>Several stakeholders with clear interests in the research are identified and how they will benefit is described clearly.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>Several stakeholders with clear interests in the research are identified, but how the stakeholders will benefit is not described clearly.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>One or two stakeholders are identified, but their interest in the results of the proposed research are not clear.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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**Feedback:**

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Category score:

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Please write your answer here:

# 7. Writing skills

## a. Structure of the proposal \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Higher and lower level hierarchy is logical. Ordering of the sections is logical. All information occurs at the right place. Level of detail is appropriate at all places. Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)	Main structure is correct and the lower level hierarchy is logical in most places. Ordering of the different sections is mostly logical. In most places level of detail is appropriate. Merit (7.0 - 8.0)	Main structure is correct, but lower level hierarchy of sections is illogical in places. Some sections have overlapping functions leading to ambiguity in the proposal. Level of detail inappropriate at places. Pass (6.0 - 7.0)	The main structure is incorrect in some places. Placement of material in different chapters is illogical in many sections. Level of detail varies widely. Fail (< 5.0)
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## b. Clarity of the arguments \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The textual quality of the proposal is such that it could be acceptable in a peer-proposal journal.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>Formulations in the proposal are clear and exact, as well as concise.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>Formulations in the proposal are predominantly clear and exact. The proposal could have been written more concisely.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>Ambiguity and/or inexactness in wording occur regularly and it affects the interpretation of the proposal.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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## c. Readability \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>Reading is exciting. There are no obvious spelling and grammar mistakes. All sentences have a clear function. The writing style is scientific, coherent and pleasant to read.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>Reading is a joy. There are no obvious spelling and grammar mistakes. Almost all sentences have a clear function. The writing style is scientific and coherent.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>Reading is effortless. There are quite a few sentences with spelling and grammar mistakes, though they hardly bother while reading. There are quite some sentences without a clear function. The writing style varies a lot.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>Reading is difficult. The sentences are full of spelling and grammar mistakes. Most sentences do not have a clear function.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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***Feedback:***

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***Category score:***

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Please write your answer here:

## 8. Independence

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The student plans and performs writing independently. The meetings with the supervisor are very well-prepared. The student understands what questions are relevant for his/her supervisor and asks only these.</p> <p>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</p>	<p>The student plans and performs most tasks independently and asks for help from the supervisor when needed. The meetings with the supervisor were well-prepared.</p> <p>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</p>	<p>The supervisor is mainly responsible for setting out the tasks, but the student is able to perform them independently. The meetings with the supervisor were reasonably prepared.</p> <p>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</p>	<p>The student needs frequent instructions and well-defined tasks from the supervisor. The supervisor needs careful checks to see if all tasks have been performed. The meetings with the supervisor were insufficiently prepared.</p> <p>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</p>
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**Feedback:**

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**Category score:**

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Please write your answer here:

## 9. Defense (one-on-one conversation or presentation)

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<p>The student is able to freely discuss the contents of the proposal and to place the proposal in the context of current trends in the scientific or practical context.</p> <p>The student is able to answer the questions from the audience with ease.</p> <p><b>Distinction (8.0 - 10.0)</b></p>	<p>The student is able to defend his proposal, including indications of where things could have been proposed better.</p> <p>The student is able to place the proposal in the scientific or practical context.</p> <p>The student is able to answer all basic questions, and more advanced questions reasonably well.</p> <p><b>Merit (7.0 - 8.0)</b></p>	<p>The student is able to defend his/her proposal. (S)he mostly masters the contents of what was written, but for a limited number of items (s)he is not able to explain why it is proposed. The student answers most basic questions.</p> <p><b>Pass (6.0 - 7.0)</b></p>	<p>The student has difficulty to explain the subject matter of the proposal.</p> <p><b>Fail (&lt; 5.0)</b></p>
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**Feedback:**

Please write your answer here:

**Category score:**

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Please write your answer here:

## 10. Optional extra category (as discussed with student beforehand)

Use of this category is not required. If it is used, please score and explain in the feedback text box.

**Category score:**

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Please write your answer here:

**Feedback:**

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## Final grade

To allow for differences between scientific fields/disciplines, the relative weights of the categories are not specified. A supervisor has to decide and communicate to the student why and how sub-grades for the different categories will add up to the final grade.

**Given scores are shown below:**

Score Significance & originality: **{signscore}**

Score Abstract: **{abstrscore}**

Score Introduction & objective: **{introscore}**

Score Objective of the research: **{objscore}**

Score Approach of the research: **{apprscore}**

Score Innovation & impact: **{innscore}**

Score Writing skills: **{writscore}**

Score Independence: **{indscore}**

Score Defense: **{defensescore}**

Optional: score extra category: **{optscore}**

## FINAL GRADE: \*

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Please write your answer here:

### ***Feedback:***

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