

FOR THE STUDENT'S AND ADVISOR'S INFORMATION

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE SENT TO REVIEWERS WITH THE PROPOSAL

To the reviewer:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this year's TAS research proposal competition.

Please evaluate the research proposal as you would a proposal received from NSF or any other granting agency, but at the same time, keeping in mind that the proposal writer is an **undergraduate, or M.S. or Ph.D. student**, not a seasoned scientist.

The student should be conducting an INDEPENDENT STUDY, that is a research project in which the student is the principal project architect and will conduct the majority of the work. A letter from the student's advisor testifying that the work is truly independent should be included. The advice and input from a mentor is necessary and valuable to the student. The committee will not consider a submission in which a student has been assigned a portion of an existing research project in which he/she has no opportunity to design and carry out a truly independent research project.

The student must propose to conduct laboratory and/or field research. Literature reviews are not eligible.

The student should have submitted a proposal written in the style appropriate to the discipline. A well-written proposal is herein defined as one that is:

relatively free of spelling and grammatical errors;

relatively brief (up to 10 pages, not counting the Literature Cited);

contains the latest relevant references;

written in the style consistent with proposals/publications in the field;

could be submitted to a funding agency in the student's field, and;

includes a detailed budget and a Curriculum Vitae.

The proposal must be sole authored.

This is a "one-shot" competition. The student does not have an opportunity to review and revise the proposal and resubmit.

Finally, we believe the student is most benefitted if the reviewer takes the time to write in the comments section why the various categories were scored they way they were.

Best regards

The TAS proposal competition committee.