Greenacres Research Grants
Ecology Proposal Rubric

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Project Description	**Merit and Impact**	Project fully supports the Greenacres mission and elicits high interest from practitioners; addresses intended outcomes on RFP with high potential impact	Project somewhat supports the Greenacres mission and intended outcomes on RFP with moderate potential impact	Project has limited relation to the Greenacres mission and intended outcomes on RFP with minimal potential impact	Project has no relation to the Greenacres mission nor intended outcomes on RFP with no potential impact
		3	**2**	**1**	**0**
	Purpose and Objectives	Innovative, specific, testable research question defined	Specific, testable research question defined	Unclear, untestable question	Research question not defined
	Rationale	Strongly summarizes previous work in the field and how this project will contribute to the literature; clearly explains project significance	Summarized previous work in the field and explains project significance	Limited literature review and/or explanation of project significance	Does not include literature review or does not explain project significance
Project Design	**Appropriate Methods**	Novel approach with well developed methods	Feasible approach with appropriate methods developed	Methods need further development	Methods will not answer research question
	Timeline	Detailed and reasonable; explains potential pitfalls or delays	Detailed and reasonable	Lacking adequate detail and/or not reasonable	Missing and/or not reasonable
	Budget	Detailed and accurate account of all expenses	Accurate costs; may be missing some details	Limited detail and/or insight into costs	Lacks detail or insight into costs
	Undergraduate Research			Demonstrates a commitment to training undergraduate researchers	Undergraduate researchers not included in the proposal
	Deliverables	Describes deliverables above the minimum appropriate to the scope and depth of proposal		Includes description of minimum deliverables in proposal	Deliverables not included in proposal
	Collaboration	Project collaborates with land managers, owners or conservationists			Project does not collaborate with land managers, owners or conservationists
	Writing	Exceptionally written document; strong writing style	Well written document with few errors	Average writing style; some grammatical errors	Poorly written; Numerous writing and/or grammatical errors