KY NSF EPSCoR
Proposal Review Guidelines

Please refer to the following guidelines when evaluating KY NSF EPSCoR funding applications. KY NSF EPSCoR advises reviewers to consider all applicable criteria equally when assessing the merit of each application.

Project Title:

Program: | *Principal Investigator:*

Broader Impacts

All EPSCoR (and NSF) proposals must address the broader impacts of the proposed activities. This is of primary importance for **URE, MG** and **EOC** applications, but also an important consideration for **RA** proposals as well. What is the potential for the proposed activity to benefit society and advance desired societal outcomes?

For **URE** applications, does the proposed activity support meaningful research opportunities that would result in a more diverse and knowledgeable Kentucky STEM workforce? Are their roles and responsibilities well defined?

For **EOC** applications, does the proposal provide a meaningful opportunity to engage in communicating and educating Kentuckians about the impact of scientific research?

Intellectual Merit

The primary review criterion for **RA** proposals is the likelihood of an awarded future **NSF RESEARCH** proposal. Applicants are required to address their plans for a follow-on proposal to NSF within the **RA** project description. To what extent does the intellectual merit of the proposal warrant consideration for KY NSF EPSCoR funding? Reviewer suggestions for improving the proposal are appreciated and are provided (anonymously) to the applicants.

For **URE** applications, is the research project proposed a novel and interesting topic for an undergraduate STEM student?

Funding Recommendation

NRFF	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

Excellent – Highly recommended for funding.
Good – Recommended for funding.
Fair – Consider for possible funding if funds are available.
NRFF – Not Recommended for funding.