

DaVinci Fellowship Rubric

Creative thinking is both the capacity to combine or synthesize existing ideas, images or expertise in original ways and the experience of thinking, reacting and working in an imaginative way characterized by a high degree of innovation, divergent thinking, and risk taking.

The maximum score is 25 points. Scoring is based on a point scale with the points applied in the following manner:

A. Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (one typewritten page): 1-5 points.

The letter should give you a clear picture of the candidate’s credentials and not just platitudes.

Total points for Recommendation _____

B. Narrative of Nominee: (one to three typewritten pages): 3-15 points.

The grading options in the first two cells allow you to score within the designated point range.

Criteria as stated in Nomination Form	Extraordinary 5 or 4 points	Outstanding 3 or 2 points	Benchmark 1 point	Total points per criteria
Identification of complex issue(s), problem or situation for which the individual is being nominated	Evaluates and seeks out unique domain-appropriate challenge	Addresses a domain-appropriate challenge	Tackles an unremarkable task	
Explanation of creative approach to the issue(s)	Not only develops a logical, consistent plan to solve problem, but recognizes consequences of solution and can articulate reason for choosing solution	Having selected from among alternatives, develops a logical, consistent plan to solve the problem	Only a single approach is considered and is used to solve the problem	
Description of the effectiveness and/or results of the nominee’s past accomplishments	Transforms ideas or solutions into entirely new forms or product to create new knowledge or knowledge that crosses boundaries	Connects ideas or solutions in novel way; creates a novel or unique idea, question, format, or product	Recognizes existing connections among ideas or solutions or reformulates a collection of available ideas	

Total points for Narrative _____

C. Supporting Materials (max ten pages): 0-5 points. Total points for Supporting Materials _____

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