INACSL Debra Spunt Grant Rubric

Grant title: _____

Reviewer: _____

Criteria	Score Options	Score
Criteria 1 - Alignment with INACSL Mission and Research Priorities **Criteria Statement:** The proposed project demonstrates a clear connection to INACSL's mission and aligns with at least one of the stated research priorities.	0 - Does not align with INACSL mission and research priorities or is missing 1 - The project somewhat aligns with the INACSL mission and mentions at least one research priority, but the connection is weak or underdeveloped 2 - The project fully aligns with the INACSL mission and addresses at least one research priority. The connection is clear and appropriately described 3 - The project clearly and explicitly aligns with the INACSL mission and strongly supports at least one stated research priority. The connection is well-developed	
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Criteria 2 - Significance **Criteria Statement:** The proposal articulates the importance of the issue or need and demonstrates potential impact for the nursing community.	**Description** 0 - Description of the issue/need is not included 1 - The issue/need is unclear 2 - Partially explains why the issue/need is important 3 -Fully explains why the issue/need is important	
	Potential Impact 0 - Description of potential impact on the nursing community is not significant/is not included 1 - Potential impact on the nursing community is minimally significant 2 - Potential impact on the nursing community is moderate 3 - Potential impact on the nursing community is significant	
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Criteria 3 - Research Question(s) or Hypotheses **Criteria Statement:** Research question(s) and/or hypotheses are relevant to advancing the science.	0- Research question(s) or hypotheses are not included 1-Research question(s)/hypotheses lack relevance 2- Research question(s)/hypotheses hold some relevance in advancing the science 3-Research question(s)/hypotheses are highly relevant in advancing the science	
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Criteria - 4 IRB/Ethics Approval **Criteria Statement:** The proposal includes appropriate discussion of IRB or ethics approval, *or* provides a clear rationale for why it is not required.	0 - No mention of IRB/ethics approval, and no rationale is provided for exemption or non-submission 1 - IRB/ethics approval is required but not yet submitted, or rationale for not obtaining approval is unclear, incomplete, or partially inaccurate 2 - IRB/ethics approval has been submitted and is pending (if required), or rationale for not obtaining approval is mostly accurate but may lack detail 3 - IRB/ethics approval has been obtained (if required), or a	

	clear and accurate rationale is provided explaining why approval is not needed	
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Criteria 5 – Methodology: Design **Criteria Statement:** The research design is appropriate for answering the research question.	0 - The research design is not included 1 - The research design is not appropriate for answering the research question/hypotheses 2 - The research design is somewhat appropriate for answering the research question/hypotheses 3 - The research design is appropriate for answering the research question/hypotheses	
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Criteria 6 – Methodology: Sample Description **Criteria Statement:** The sample population is clearly defined.	0 - The sample population description is not included 1 - The sample population description is unclear and/or incomplete 2 - The sample population description is somewhat clear 3 - The sample population description is clearly defined	
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Criteria 7 – Instruments **Criteria Statement:** The proposal identifies appropriate instruments/tools to appropriate to measure intended outcomes.	0 - Instruments/tools are unrelated or do not align with the intended outcomes/or are not provided 1 - Limited connection to intended outcomes; questionable relevance or appropriateness 2 - Generally appropriate for measuring intended outcomes; some justification provided 3 - Strong alignment with intended outcomes; tools are well-justified	
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Criteria 8 - Methodology: Data Collection **Criteria Statement:** The methods for data collection are clearly described.	0 - Data collection methods are not included 1 - Data collection methods are unclear and/or incomplete 2 - Data collection methods are somewhat clear 3 - Data collection methods are clear	
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Criteria 9 - Methodology: Analysis **Criteria Statement:** The data analysis plan is clearly articulated, including the technical/statistical methods that will be used to analyze the data.	0 - Data analysis methods are not included 1 - Data analysis methods are unclear and/or incomplete 2 - Data analysis methods are somewhat clear 3 - Data analysis methods are clear	
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Criteria 10 – Methodology: Limitations	0 - Study limitations are not included	

Criteria Statement: The proposal clearly identifies potential study limitations	1 - Study limitations are unclear 2 - Study limitations are somewhat clear 3 - Study limitations are clear	
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Criteria 11 – Evaluation Outcomes **Criteria Statement:** Desired outcomes are described in alignment with the research question/hypotheses.	**Alignment with Research Question/Hypotheses** 0 - Desired outcomes are not included 1 - Desired outcomes are poorly described or do not align with the research question/hypotheses 2 - Desired outcomes vaguely described in alignment with the research question/hypotheses 3 - Desired outcomes are described in alignment with the research question/hypotheses	
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Criteria 12 – Project Timeline **Criteria Statement:** The project timeline, from inception to completion, is provided.	**Complete** 0 - Project timeline is not included 1 - Project timeline is present but incomplete 2 - Project timeline is mostly complete 3 - Project timeline, from inception to completion, is complete	
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Criteria 13 - Budget **Criteria Statement:** The budget is explained and all proposed expenses are appropriate for the scope of the project.	**Appropriate** 0 - The budget is not included 1 - The budget is not appropriate for the scope of the project; budget explanation is present but incomplete 2 - The budget is somewhat appropriate for the scope of the project; budget explanation is mostly complete 3 - The budget is appropriate for the scope of the project; budget explanation is complete	
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Criteria 14 - References **Criteria Statement:** References are included and reflect current work (minimum of 3 published w/in 5 years).	0 - References are not included 1 - References are included, but fewer than 3 are published within the last 5 years, or relevance is limited 2 - All required references are included, and at least 3 are current (within the last 5 years). Citations are generally appropriate and support the proposal 3 - All references are relevant, well-integrated, and properly cited. At least 3 are published within the last 5 years and clearly support the proposal components	
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Criteria 15 - Writing Style **Criteria Statement:** The proposal is well-written, free from	0 - Contains frequent grammatical and/or spelling errors that interfere with clarity. The writing lacks professionalism and is difficult to follow	

major grammatical or spelling errors, and demonstrates clarity and professionalism throughout	1 - Occasional grammatical or spelling errors, but they do not significantly interfere with understanding. The writing is somewhat clear and professional 2 - The proposal is well-written, clear, and professional throughout. It is free from major grammatical or spelling errors and easy to understand 3 - Writing is exceptionally clear, concise, and engaging. Free from any grammatical or spelling errors. Demonstrates a high level of professionalism and polish throughout.	
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