

University of Cincinnati – Bearcats AI Grants Rubric

Criterion	5 Points	3 Points	1 Point
Innovation	Proposes a highly original and transformative use of AI that significantly advances current practices or opens new avenues for exploration	Proposes a somewhat innovative use of AI, building on existing methods but demonstrating unique adaptation or application.	Offers a relatively conventional use of AI with limited originality or novel contribution to the field.
Feasibility	The project plan is well structured, resource allocation is clear, and timeline is realistic. Demonstrates technical expertise.	The project plan may require further clarification but is generally feasible.	Lacks a convincing implementation plan, with unclear timelines, insufficient resources, or unrealistic expectations. Raises concerns about project feasibility.
Impact	Clearly articulates the potential impact of the project in Curriculum Development/ Pedagogy / Research/ Student Life. Defines specific metrics for measuring success and demonstrates potential for broader dissemination or scalability.	Identifies potential impacts but lacks clear definition of success metrics or limited explanation of potential to scale.	Impact unclear/ limited, with negligible contribution to pedagogy, student success, or academic advancement.
Clarity & Organization	The proposal is well-written, logical, and easy to understand. Information is presented concisely and effectively, with clear headings, subheadings, and visuals.	The proposal is generally clear and organized but may have some sections that are unclear or repetitive.	The proposal is poorly organized, difficult to follow, and may contain factual errors or inconsistencies.

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Ethics	Provides a thorough ethical analysis with safeguards to address biases, privacy concerns, and societal impacts.	Addresses some ethical considerations with basic strategies for mitigating issues but lacks comprehensive safeguards.	Neglects to address ethical considerations with minimal discussion of biases, privacy, or societal impacts.
Alignment with UC's Strategic Direction "Next Lives Here"	Explicitly and effectively links the project "Next Lives Here" Shows a deep understanding of Academic Excellence, Urban Impact, and Innovation Agenda	Aligns with some university strategic goals, or the connection is superficial or lacks sufficient detail.	Weak or nonexistent connection to university strategic goals. Fails to demonstrate how the project contributes to Academic Excellence, Urban Impact, and Innovation Agenda.

Additional Considerations:

- Interdisciplinary collaboration will be positively weighed.
- Budget clarity and justification will be assessed.