

ECMS MERP 2020: Final Paper Rubric										
Facet	To do	Low fail (0-30%)	High fail (30-49%)	Pass (50- 64%)	Credit (65-74%)	Distinction (75-84%)	High distinction (85-94%)	Exceptional (95%+)	(%)	Grade
Embark & Clarify	Abstract Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Logical rationale and motivation – Appropriate aim and objectives – Appropriate approach and methodology – Logical outcomes from the research 	– Abstract does not reflect paper OR – Poor logical structure	– Abstract is not very informative – Some key elements of the abstract are missing or poorly presented	– Key elements of the abstract are appropriate, logical and clearly expressed. – Some key elements could be further refined.	– Key elements of the abstract are appropriate, logical and clearly expressed. – Abstract offers good project overview.	– Key elements of the abstract are well organised, logical, clearly articulated. – Abstract offers excellent project overview.	– Key elements of the abstract are well organised, clearly and succinctly articulated, and self-contained – Abstract is succinct and informative enough that it can stand alone as an accurate summary of the project. – Engages the reader		5	
	Introduction Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Logical rationale and motivation – Appropriate aims and objectives – Logical significance – Complete document outline – Correct terminology 	– Poorly constructed introduction – Aims or objectives unclear or undefined	– Some key elements of the introduction are missing or poorly presented.	– Key elements of the introduction are appropriate, logical and clearly expressed. – Some elements could be further refined.	– Key elements of the introduction are appropriate, logical and clearly expressed. – Project scope is explicitly stated – Objectives may seem a little weak or need stronger argument to persuade reader of their significance.	– Key elements of the introduction are well organised, logical, focused and clearly expressed. – Objectives are specific and measurable	– Key elements are appropriate and are well organised, logical, concise and focused. – Objectives are clearly expressed and a strong argument is made for their significance. – Arguments are logical and engaging	– Ambitious aims and objectives with well-reasoned link to gap in literature, clear expected outcomes and logical approach. The reader is excited by their potential contribution.	7.5	
Find & Generate	Literature Review (Breadth) Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Appropriate key topics and themes – Sufficient relevant and logical content 	– No significant literature OR – Collection of literature with little direct relevance to project	– Synopsis of literature – Evidence of a targeted search strategy	– Key elements of the literature review are sufficient, appropriate and clearly expressed. – Literature from credible sources that demonstrates a strategic search	– Key elements of the literature review are sufficient, appropriate and clearly expressed. – Evidence of a targeted and comprehensive search strategy	– Key elements of the literature review are well organised, logical, clearly expressed – Evidence of an effective comprehensive and systematic search strategy	– Key elements of the literature review are well organised, logical, clearly expressed and thoroughly researched – Literature clearly explains status-quo and identifies gaps		5	
Evaluate & Reflect	Literature Review (Evaluation) Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sufficient and appropriate evidence to support methodology 	– Collection of literature with little direct relevance to project	– Connection of literature presented to methodology is unclear	– Key elements of the literature review are sufficient, appropriate and clearly expressed.	– Key elements of the literature review are included and some are critically evaluated – Categorisation of concepts and ideas in literature in the context of the research problem.	– Key elements of the literature review are included and are critically evaluated – Evidence of their own in-depth discussion and analysis of concepts and ideas that have been categorised.	– Key elements of the literature review are well organised, clearly expressed and critically evaluated – Some original approach in discussion, categorisation or analysis.	– Original approach in discussion, categorisation or analysis such that new ideas are generated.	7.5	
	Results Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sufficient and appropriate data/results presentation – Sufficient and appropriate data analysis and interpretation 	– Limited presentation of data /results and/or analysis	– Presentation of some data and analysis. Progress has been made, but less than the scope of a year.	– Key elements of the results are sufficient and clearly presented. – Interpretation of results is adequate but lacks depth.	– Key elements of the results are sufficient, well organised and clearly presented. – Alignment with objectives is articulated – Generally sound interpretation of results	– Key elements of the results are well presented and justified – Clear and coherent interpretation of results.	– Key elements of the results are included and are presented appropriately and justified – Comprehensive understanding of results in the context of the theoretical framework	– In depth analysis yielding original insights	25	
Analyse & Synthesise	Project Methodology & Approach Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Appropriate methods, techniques and procedure – Appropriate research-based rationale 	– Limited presentation or missing detail of methods, techniques and procedures.	– Research-based rationale is unclear AND/OR – Limitations and other methodological issues are unaddressed.	– Key elements of the methodology and approach are appropriate and clearly presented. – Basic methodology developed but is generic in nature.	– Key elements of the methodology and approach are appropriate and clearly presented. – Underpinning assumptions and limitations are articulated and justified.	– Key elements of the methodology and approach are appropriate and clearly articulated and justified – Procedures are rigorous and reproducible	– Detailed methodology that demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the problem. – Rationale is informed by best practices in the literature	– Methodology demonstrates significant originality, innovation, and creativity.	20	
	Project Outcomes Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Comprehensive summary and discussion of outcomes – Appropriate conclusion – Appropriate recommendations 	– Inappropriate outcomes or recommendations presented	– Some key elements of project outcomes are missing or poorly presented	– Key elements of project outcomes are appropriate and clearly presented. Although the discussion element needs strengthening. – Greater appreciation of the implications flowing from the project work needed. – Makes broad or obvious suggestions for future work	– Key elements of the project outcomes are appropriate and clearly presented, including a solid discussion. – Is able to present implications of the project, but needs more depth. – Makes some good recommendations and perspectives for future work	– Significance of outcomes is made clear – Key elements of the project outcomes are appropriate and clearly presented, including an insightful discussion. – Articulates implications of the project clearly – Makes some good recommendations future work	– Key elements of project outcomes are clearly presented, including an insightful and original discussion. – Succinct and precise conclusions made are strongly supported by contents of document. – Implications of findings are detailed and clearly articulated. – Provides good recommendations for future work	– Conclusion includes insight and makes insightful recommendations for future work	15	
Communicate & Apply	Document Composition & Presentation Quality Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Field-appropriate citations – Appropriately numbered section structure – Consistent formatting – Sufficient document cohesion – Appropriate use of figures and tables (inc. captions and referencing) – Within guidelines of the template 	– Missing or inappropriate incorporation of key elements – Submission is messy (i.e. missing multiple key elements) – Minimal adherence to template guidelines	– Some key elements are missing or poorly presented – Demonstrates lack of care	– Key elements are appropriate and clearly presented.	– Key elements are appropriate, logical and presented effectively. – Figure and table captions are self-contained – Section headings are meaningful – All graphical content is accessible	– Polished presentation – Document is easy to navigate and ‘flows’ – Section headings are concise and meaningful – Correct and effective use of cross-referencing	– Key elements are presented effectively and follow an appropriate flow – Document sections are cohesive and formatted logically		5	
	Written Language Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Clarity of message – Appropriate technical and formal language – Correct spelling, grammar and punctuation 	– Document is hard to follow	– Some key elements are missing or poorly presented	– Key elements of the written language are comprehensible, appropriate and correct.	– Key elements of the written language are well presented – Sentences are unambiguous	– Key elements of the written language are well presented – Evidence of planning to formulate message	– Key elements of the written language are exemplary – Content is succinct – Evidence of effective planning to formulate message		10	