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IARCO Research Proposal Marks Distribution and Rules

Section	Context	Maximum Points
Research Problem	What is the background of this problem? Is the need for research clearly identified?	20
Existing Literature	What has been written about your topic before? Is the existing body of knowledge clearly addressed?	10
Research Question	Does your proposal contain a central research question? Is the question specific enough?	25
Methodology	How will this research be conducted? Is the methodology clearly laid out?	25
Research Topic	Is the topic creative, innovative, and/or urgent? Does the proposal justify the need to research this topic?	15
Quality of Writing	Is the proposal free of grammatical errors? Is the writing clear? Is it directed toward an appropriate audience?	5

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- Students from all disciplines—including Medical, Humanities, STEM, and others—are welcome to apply.
- However, submissions must be original and must not include any institutional logos or professor names. Submitting a thesis project, proposal, or video pitch that includes such references will result in disqualification without prior notice.
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- We require all submissions to follow the IEEE in-text citation and reference style. Using any other citation style will result in significant point deductions.
- We utilize leading plagiarism detection tools used by top research institutions, including AI-specific checks (e.g., iThenticate). A non-repository checker is used, so your work remains private after the competition—except for the Top 20 proposals, which will be publicly accessible. A detailed scoreboard will be available only for the winners.
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