

## ***Grading for 6100 Project Proposal***

- **Objective** Did the authors clearly state their objective in the abstract and throughout the paper? Can I tell easily what the objective of the work is?
- **Previous Work** Do the authors adequately describe previous work **in their own words**? Is the previous work understandable?
- **References** Do the authors have adequate references (5 or more, many of which are after 2000)? Are the references complete (author, publication, title, volume, page numbers)? Are the references from respected sources (IEEE or ACM publications or conferences rather than trade journals or unrefereed publications from web sites)? Are the references from a variety of authors rather than all from the same research group? Are references cited correctly throughout the report (in the same way that articles cite references)? For each paragraph, it is clear whether the material is original or a paraphrase of a specific reference? Are direct quotations of text or figures minimized? If figures are copied from another source, is the original reference clearly cited for the origin of the figure?
- **Creativity** Does the project incorporate the authors' own opinions or ideas? Will anyone care what they have done? Are the tests created to generate non-obvious results? Does the project idea have a possibility of being published (if several more months of work were added)? If figures are copied from a cited source, is the cite referenced, the figure numbers made consistent with the target document, and is the number of such copied figures minimal? Although half the paper can be background material, does half the paper represent original work? **Show the original parts of the paper using a bold font.** Write the paper as though you have already completed the intended research so we can see what you intend to accomplish, how you will set up the tests, and how you will analyze the results.
- **Effort** Does the project represent a sufficient amount of effort? The paper should be 8 (12 for two authors) single spaced (double column) pages. *Identify with italics the parts of the paper which represent research results that have not actually been completed.*
- **Clarity/Focus** Is the work clearly focused on a reasonable topic? Is the explanation clear? Is the work structured into easily understood sections (such as abstract, introduction, previous work, proposed research, results, conclusions) and hierarchical subsections? Is the structure of the paper clear?
- **Write-up** Does the document strictly conform to the prescribed format? Remember the goal is that all articles submitted to a conference will be so similar that they can be bound together and look consistent. Is the English grammar, punctuation, and spelling correct? (A poorly written paper is almost impossible to grade accurately as the grammar is just too distracting, and the meaning is often unclear.) You are strongly encouraged to have the writing center or a friend (who writes well) edit your paper.

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Area	Points	Comments
Objective		
Previous Work		
References		
Creativity – <i>Projected research is indicated by italicized text.</i>		
Write-up		

How would you rank this proposal if you were going to pay this individual money to develop his/her ideas?

Excellent (5)/Very Good (4) / Good (3) / Fair (2) / Poor (1)