**Criterion: Scientific/Technical Merit**

How clearly and convincingly does the proposal communicate the **likelihood this research will add to the scientific knowledge base**? Do you understand why this project is important?

(1 = poor or absent; 2 = poor to fair; 3 = fair; 4 = fair to good; 5=good; 6 = good to very good;   
7 = very good; 8 = very good to excellent; 9=excellent)

Please provide **comments** on particular or strengths or areas for improvement. Be specific.

*Strengths:*



*Areas for Improvement:*



**Criterion: Proposed Method/Approach**

How clearly does the proposal communicate the **appropriateness of proposed method or approach to achieve results**? Do you understand what the applicant is proposing to do? Are the research goals and/or objectives present and easy to identify and understand? Do they seem reasonable? Are they compelling? Are the expected outcomes given? Do they seem realistic?

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Please provide **comments** on particular or strengths or areas for improvement. Be specific.

*Strengths:*



*Areas for Improvement:*



**Criterion: Applicant's research performance competence/adequacy of facilities/resources to conduct the proposed research**

How clearly, compellingly, and convincingly does application convey the appropriateness of applicant's research experience and adequacy of facilities and resources to successfully complete the proposed research?

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 6 = good to very good; 7 = very good; 8 = very good to excellent; 9=excellent)

Please provide **comments** on particular or strengths or areas for improvement. Be specific.

*Strengths:*



*Areas for Improvement:*



**Criterion: Likelihood research will lead to fundable research and/or publishable work**

How clearly, compellingly, and convincingly does the application convey the likelihood that the research will lead to fundable research and/or publishable work? Are any specific examples of likely funding opportunities or publication channels convincingly proposed?

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Please provide **comments** on particular or strengths or areas for improvement. Be specific.

*Strengths:*



*Areas for Improvement:*



**Criterion: Overall quality of application**

What is the overall quality of the application? Are the writing and graphics clear, concise, correct, and compelling? Is the application readable and compelling?

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 6 = good to very good; 7 = very good; 8 = very good to excellent; 9=excellent)

Please provide **comments** on particular or strengths or areas for improvement. Be specific.

*Strengths:*



*Areas for Improvement:*



**Overall Rank** Rank this proposal against the others you have reviewed, based on its likely competitiveness in the ORAO competition. Assign a **1** for the most competitive, and ***n*** for the least competitive, where ***n*** = the number of proposals you reviewed.

**Overall Comments:**

Please provide **comments** on particular or strengths or areas for improvement overall. Be specific

*Strengths:*



*Areas for Improvement:*