UROP PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA CHECKLIST

UROP Proposals are reviewed and evaluated by an independent committee comprised of faculty from the college of the faculty mentor. Reviewers are asked to evaluate proposals using the following criteria:

Project Quality

Overall quality of the proposed research or creative work and effective written presentation of the project.

☐ Is the proposed research or creative work timely and well-developed?

☐ Does the student exhibit a strong understanding of the project?

☐ Is the proposal well-written? Has it been carefully edited? Is the presentation professional?

Plan and timeline

Specific activities to be undertaken and a concrete, realistic timeline for completion of the work.

☐ Does the student present a concrete timeline detailing specific activities to be undertaken?

☐ Is the timeline realistic for completion of the project?

Quality of the mentoring relationship

Relationship of the proposed work to the expertise of the faculty mentor, familiarity of the faculty mentor with the student and his/her/their skills and goals, and impact of the proposed mentoring activities. A UROP scholar's success depends critically on high-quality mentoring. Please consider this aspect of the application very carefully.

☐ Does the student demonstrate familiarity with the faculty mentor's scholarship?

☐ Is the proposed work sufficiently related to the expertise of the faculty mentor?

☐ Are the faculty mentor and the student well-acquainted? Do they already have an established collaborative/mentoring relationship?

☐ What is the impact of the mentor's proposed mentoring activities?

☐ Is the mentor prepared to personally provide high-quality mentoring to this student?

Impact on the Student's Education

Potential of the UROP experience to substantially enhance the student's ability to meet educational and/or professional goals.

☐ Do the proposal and mentor reference make the case that the UROP experience will substantially enhance the student's ability to meet educational and/or professional goals?