

## **Guidelines for Scoring Graduate Scholarship Applicants**

Each applicant will be evaluated based on the following categories.

### **Need**

- 5: GRA, GTA funding running out or only tuition covered.
- 3: Needs additional funding for research.
- 0-1: Fully funded.

### **Research Goals/Abstract**

- 3: Clearly defined and well written
- 1-2: Goals not well articulated

### **Related Experience and Research** (including volunteer work)

- 5: Three or more jobs or research projects related to their field of research
- 3: Less than 3 jobs or projects related to their research or 3 or more unrelated.
- 0-1: Little or no work experience or research.

### **Publications and Presentations**

- 5: Several presentations and pubs including peer-reviewed, lead author – two or more for PhD, at least one for MS.
- 3: Fewer presentations/pubs or no peer-reviewed pubs or not lead author.
- 0-1: Few or no publications

### **Service - Professional and Community (leadership) activities and awards (only college awards considered)**

- 3: Currently involved in leading activities within student association, professional society, or other organization.
  - 2: Regular participation as a member of an organization, but not leading (e.g., serving as an officer or organizing major events).
  - 1: Involved only intermittently and not leading.
  - 0: Little evidence of leadership or volunteer activities.
- It's a judgment call on how to include awards in scoring.

### **Letters of Recommendation – not needed for all awards**

- 3: Strong letters from reputable sources
- 2: Average letters
- 0-1: Poor letters, lacking enthusiasm

### **Quality of Application**

- 3: Clear, well written application
- 2: Average quality application
- 0-1: Poorly written, grammatical errors, not following instructions