National Association of Neonatal Nurses

Applicant _____

CRITERIA	SCORE					
Research Proposal	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Title & Abstract: Clearly & accurately reflects problem/purpose, methods & relevance of proposal						
Specific Aims: Clarity of aim/purpose with well-defined & specific research questions and/or hypotheses for each aim						
Background: Concise review **and** critique of current relevant empirical literature. Includes how variables relate within a conceptual framework as applicable.						
Significance: Extent to which study addresses identified gaps in neonatal care and leads to future research or practice changes						
Preliminary Data: Extent to which preliminary data/previous work relates to proposed study						
Design: Extent to which design clearly and correctly identified with appropriate justification/rationale for how it fits the problem/addresses the study aim						
Preferences: Incorporates preferences of population of interest and how barriers will be addressed						
Sample: Clearly identified inclusion/exclusion criteria with justification of desired sample size and how eligible participants will be identified						
Setting: Identified recruitment site with support that desired sample can be recruited in clearly specified time frame						
Measures: Clear description of each measure/ including number of items, how scored, reliability/validity or sensitivity/specificity as appropriate						
Procedures: Clearly explained protocol including specifics of how recruitment will occur, how & when data will be collected and how well threats to study validity will be controlled						
Data Plan: Clearly described plan for storing, managing & protecting data, including how data will be analyzed to address each research question/ hypothesis. Identifies a plan that assures statistical support						
Timeline: Clearly described timeframe for all research activities over the funding period including start-up, recruitment, data collection & analysis, dissemination through presentations / publications						

Criteria		1	2	3	4	5
Capacity Building: Addresses next steps to be taken, impact from anticipated findings on future research/practice and plan for dissemination						
Human Subjects: Identifies, summarizes, and addresses potential risks to participants. Clearly outlines a plan for IRB approval from appropriate institution including how study personnel will obtain federally-required Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research						
Reference List: Comprehensive list of all literature cited including key publications related to topic. Adherence to citation format specified for the NANN journal *Advances in Neonatal Care*						
Consistency of topic with NANN mission and research agenda						
Innovation: Extent to which proposal is innovative and shows originality						
Feasibility: Extent to which project is feasible within the specified time frame, within limitations of study site for recruitment, and within budget and funding resources						
Writing Style: Application is well-written & organized						
Overall Quality Score of Research Plan						
TOTAL (possible points =)						
Personnel/Investigator Criteria		1	2	3	4	5
Principal Investigator/Co-Investigator Qualifications						
Mentoring Plan: Identifies mentor/mentee with clear description of goals for the experience and frequency of meetings						
Budget Within Specified Limits						
Budget Justification Appropriate						
Institution & Team Commitment						
TOTAL (possible points =)						

NANN Research Grant Proposal Score Sheet
Scoring : 1 = inadequate, 2 = below average, 3 = average, 4 = above average, 5 = superior

Components that are not applicable (N/A) for a given proposal are not included in the total possible score

GRAND TOTAL : _ **/** _ **TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS**

Reviewer Comments/Suggestions for Improvement: