

MWACSM Judging Rubric for Student Awards

To ensure a fair and transparent evaluation process, the MWACSM Awards Committee uses the following standardized rubrics. All awards are scored by at least two judges. Each of the following criteria is rated on a scale of **0 (Not able to assess) to 10 (Excellent)**.

Rubric for Student (Undergraduate and Graduate) Scholar Awards (Pre-Meeting Award)

Scoring Scale: 0 (Not Able to Assess) to 10 (Excellent)

Category	Criteria	Max Score
Letters of Nomination	Endorsement & Justification (10) Knowledge of Applicant (10) Applicant Comparison and Letter Format (10)	30
Personal Statement	Well-Written & Organized (10) Highlights Research (10) Highlights Service (10) Balance of Achievements (10)	40
Academic Record	Academic Success (from Transcript)	10
	Total	80

Rubric for Student Research Proposal Awards (Pre-Meeting Award)

Scoring Scale: 0 (Not Able to Assess) to 10 (Excellent)

Criteria	Max Score
Cover Letter with Abstract	10
Demonstration of Knowledge in Introduction	10
Clarity of Purpose	10
Clarity and Detail of Methods	10
Logical Methods	10

Realistic Timetable	10
Appropriate Budget	10
Proposal Organization	10
Overall Clarity	10
Total	90

Rubric for Oral and Poster Presentations (At-Meeting Awards)

Scoring Scale: 0 (Not Able to Assess) to 10 (Excellent)

Criteria	Max Score
Demonstration of Knowledge: Deep understanding of the topic, background, and significance.	10
Clarity of Purpose/Hypothesis: Research question and purpose are clearly stated.	10
Clarity/Presentation of Methods: Methods are logical and sufficiently detailed.	10
Clarity/Presentation of Results: Findings are presented in an organized and effective manner.	10
Clarity of Discussion/Interpretation: Clear interpretation of results, implications, and limitations.	10
Ability to Address Questions: Responds to questions accurately, confidently, and thoughtfully.	10
Total	60