

## Criteria for judging IROP proposals:

**The writing.** An IROP proposal is like any grant proposal: the writer, the applicant, is writing to a specific audience to persuade them to fund a specific project. Everything in a successful proposal will support that rhetorical purpose.

**The audience.** The IROP Advisory Board comprises faculty members representing most colleges at the University. Applicants should therefore write to persuade that audience of professionals both within AND outside of their disciplines and colleges. Remember: the proposal must be clear and accessible to any well-educated reader, not just to specialists in the field.

**Accuracy.** The applicant should check the clarity, accuracy, spelling, and legibility of all information on the application cover sheet, including:

**Name of applicant and contact information**

**College / Major**

**Project title**

**Proposed research site: facility, city, and country**

**UNH mentor: title and contact information**

**Foreign mentor: title, institutional connection, and contact information**

**Review criteria.** The IROP Advisory Board uses the following criteria to determine potential funding for each applicant's project:

- Is there a clear statement of the **research question(s)** to be answered? Are these questions **sufficiently specific** to allow them to be reasonably addressed in the 9-week research period?
- Is there a clear reason **why** the research should be conducted at **the proposed research site**?
- Is there a feasible **plan** for and a clear, **disciplinary approach** to answering the research question(s), both while **on campus** and **at the research site**?
- Will the student have sufficient disciplinary **background** to conduct the research?
- Will the student have the necessary **language skills** to conduct the research? Is there a plan for **cultural preparation**?
- Does the proposal evidence careful **preliminary investigation** of the project's background, including necessary **bibliography**?

- Does the applicant's **ethos** warrant receipt of an IROP award? Is there a reason to underwrite this particular student's research?
- What is the **commitment of the UNH mentor** to the student and project?
- Is the **foreign mentor** in place and appropriate for the project?
- Is the **budget** reasonable?
- Is the project **safe**?