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### External Research Funding Self Evaluation

This series of questions is designed to assess where you are in the research or external funding process. This may help you focus your research and funding plans and assist IPSR grants staff in meeting your needs.

What is the main thrust of your research? Is it timely, significant, creative?

Where are you in your career? Student? Junior faculty? Mid-Career? Senior faculty? Other?

What is the goal, outcome, broader impact, and intellectual merit of your proposed work?

Who is your audience? Who will benefit?

Where does your work fit in the current literature? What gap is it filling?

Have you conducted prior work? How will this current research build on it, now and in the future?

If you have never had external funding for your work, do you feel you have reached the limits of what you can do without it? How will external funding take your work to the next level? What do you need to get there in terms of resources: time, human resources, data, travel, etc.?

Will your work require collaborations or expertise? Are those relationships in place, developing, not yet started? If you plan to draw from existing professional relationships, are those people available for the time frame you have in mind?

If you have a funding source in mind at this time, have you allowed yourself the appropriate amount of time to produce a competitive proposal? Why is your work right for this funding call or agency?

What is the main support you need from IPSR grant staff? Please refer to our services page to see what we can do for you.

Please feel free to contact Nancy Cayton Myers at [ncmyers@ku.edu](mailto:ncmyers@ku.edu) to discuss this further or to schedule a consultation with the IPSR grant staff.