To Prepare for an Evaluation  
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The Research Proposal

How important and/or original are the hypotheses or the questions to be addressed, and how clearly are they formulated?

How important and original are the contributions expected from the research proposed?

What is the potential for important new observations or knowledge?

How well will the proposed experiments address the hypotheses or questions?

How appropriate are the methods to be applied and the proposed analyses of data?

How well will the applicant implement new methods (to science or to the applicant) which are to be introduced and/or explored?

How well have the applicants anticipated difficulties in their approach and considered alternatives?

How critically is the relevant literature appraised and evaluated?

The Applicant’s Productivity, Experience and Training

How appropriate to the research proposed is the training or track record of the applicant(s)?

How important and original is the recent productivity of the applicant(s)?

How much confidence do you have that the applicant can do the work proposed? (The proposed time commitment to the research may influence this judgment)