

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

IGPP proposals submitted for funding in FY 2012 will be evaluated by three separate groups:

IGPP Director and Team Leads
Disinterested experts from within Los Alamos National Laboratory
External Advisory Board subject matter experts

Submitted proposals will be evaluated against five criteria:

- 1. Scientific Impact – Does this proposal advance the field of research in terms of creativity, innovation, and/or technique. Is the objective clearly stated and focussed? Is the approach feasible? Do the PI's introduce state-of-the-art techniques in testing hypotheses, performing data analysis, modelling, simulation, etc.? How scientifically significant or important is the proposed work?**
- 2. Collaboration: Research and Education: This is an important aspect of the IGPP minigrant program. How does this proposal advance the education and career paths of students, faculty or technical staff involved? Did the PI's adequately document involvement of graduate students and/or postdocs in the project? Are BOTH of the principle investigators engaged as mentors. Does the graduate student and/or postdoc planning to conduct research on-site at Los Alamos National Laboratory**
- 3. Growth Potential: Describe how the work might expand to larger research opportunities. Is the proposed work of sufficient importance to warrant future support by federal or other funding agencies? Explain how the research will impact present or future Laboratory and/or Campus programs.**
- 4. Qualifications of investigators. Describe the qualifications of all researchers and collaborators in the proposal, including research experience and mentoring.**
- 5. Budget and Resources. Should this project be funded now? Is the budget realistic and justified by the planned activities? Are existing or planned facilities at the campus and/or LANL and other resources adequate for the successful performance of the project?**

While all factors are important, **Scientific Impact** is deemed most important.