

## Scoring for the GSA Research Grant

Three (3) professors and two (2) students must evaluate the grant applications. If possible, at least one professor will be from the School of Nursing or Social Work if there are any applicants from those schools. The students must be semi-senior to senior graduate students not in the departments of the applicants, if possible.

The following merit categories will be rated from 1-5, with 5 being the highest score.

### MERIT:

1. Identification of hypothesis
2. Establish relevance
3. Outline of specific aims
4. Appropriate experimental design
5. Overall impression of the project

The categories determining NEED will be rated as follows:

1. Length of time a student has been working in the mentor's laboratory (1pt for 1 year, 2pts for 2 years, 3pts for 3 years, and so on up to 5)
2. Amount of funding available to the student for supplies (the less available for a student, the more pts (up to 10) should be give in this category)

The following is for the Research Award Committee (2-3 GSA representatives not scoring the grants) to decide:

1. The student is ineligible if he/she does not have the required 18pts or above from the merit section.
2. If the students has the required 18pts from the merit section, the points from the need and merit sections are then added together for a final score. The highest scored grants applications will be funded.
3. In the case of a tie, (applicant number 10 and 11 have the same score) the committee must return the 2 applications in question to the initial reviewers to chose the better one. The GSA can only fund up to 10 awards each year unless money is available from the previous year. Example, if only 8 awards were given out in year 1, then it is possible, but not necessary to give out 12 awards in year 2.