

DISCOVER Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Emerging (1)	Good (2)	Outstanding (3)
Project Abstract	 Lack of clarity or limited explanation on how project contributes to existing scientific knowledge and innovation. Scientific impact, contribution, or significance is unclear or not very clearly articulated. 	 Project may contribute to scientific knowledge and innovation, but needs additional explanation and/or evidence to produce a convincing argument Has some or may have potential for scientific impact, contribution, significance. 	 Clear explanation on how project contributes to scientific knowledge and innovation. High potential for scientific impact, contribution, significance.
Career Goals	 No explanation on career goals or what they are looking for in a postdoc position. Candidate's research/background has little to no potential for complemeting or expanding current Salk research areas or projects. 	 Limited explanation on career goals or what they are looking for in a postdoc position. Candidate has limited potential to succeed as a Salk postdoc due to research complementing and expanding current Salk research areas or projects. 	 Clear, persuasive explanation on career goals, and what they are looking for in a postdoc position. Candidate has high potential to succeed as a Salk postdoc due to research complementing and expanding current Salk research areas or projects.
Community Commitment Statement	 Discussion of their knowledge and commitment to building community and inclusive spaces is incomprehensive and/or unclear. Does not offer succinct examples of programs they participated in, nor personal examples that promoted inclusive environments. 	 Discussion of their knowledge and commitment to building community and inclusive spaces is adequate. More comprehensive detail could be added to offer a clearer understanding of their answer. Offers relevant, but limited examples of programs in which they participated, or personal examples that promoted inclusive environments. 	examples of programs or