

Proposal Defense (Year 1: 12th month)

Questions	Judging Criteria	Max Points	Scoring Details	Score Received
Have you formed a Research Advisory Committee (RAC)	Follows the GYRA RAC guidelines	10	0 points: No RAC 10 points: RAC <i>Note: Minimum score needed to move to the next stage is 10 points.</i>	
Have you presented, defended, and got approval from RAC?	Based on the overall research proposal including the identification of the problem, background knowledge, hypothesis, specific aims, experimental design, data analysis, statistics plans, anticipated outcomes, and overall impact.	40	0 points: No RAC approval 40 points: RAC approval <i>Note: Minimum score needed to move to the next stage is 40 points.</i>	