

SEED GRANTS	Poor (0 – 6 Points)	Good (7 – 12 Points)	Very Good (13 – 19 pts)	Excellent (20 – 25 points)	Score
Scientific or Engineering Merit and Feasibility	Represents a pilot project that does not advance a scientific or engineering collaboration or student engagement; would not lead to MEIF SCI Research Funding, other UMS, or University funding for new services or commercialization in the future; strategies and approaches do not meet project goals.	Represents a pilot project that may advance a scientific or engineering collaboration or student engagement; could lead to MEIF SCI Research Funding, other UMS, or University funding for new services or commercialization in the future; strategies and approaches somewhat meet project goals.	Represents a pilot project that will likely advance a scientific or engineering collaboration or student engagement; may lead to MEIF SCI Research Funding, other UMS, or University funding for new services or commercialization in the future; strategies and approaches meet project goals.	Represents a pilot project that will greatly advance a scientific or engineering collaboration or student engagement; has great potential to lead to MEIF SCI Research Funding, other UMS, or University funding for new services or commercialization in the future; strategies and approaches meet project goals.	
Team and Institutional Merit/Commitment	Potential of producing a high quality deliverable is poor , based on qualifications of team; unlikely that project will meet its objectives; quality of applicant organization’s commitment to the project is poor .	Potential of producing a high quality deliverable is good , based on qualifications of team; project may meet its objectives; quality of applicant organization’s commitment to the project is good .	Potential of producing a high quality deliverable is very good , based on qualifications of team; likely that project will meet its objectives; quality of applicant organization’s commitment to the project is very good .	Potential of producing a high quality deliverable is excellent , based on qualifications of team; highly likely that project will meet its objectives; quality of applicant organization’s commitment to the project is excellent .	
Relevance to Maine’s Innovation Economic Needs and Potential Impact	Proposed activities are not at all linked to Maine’s economy; likelihood of job creation, commercialization, licensing, technology, economic development, workforce training, internships, workforce development is poor .	Proposed activities loosely linked to Maine’s economy; likelihood of job creation, commercialization, licensing, technology, economic development, workforce training, internships, workforce development is good .	Proposed activities somewhat linked to Maine’s economy; likelihood of job creation, commercialization, licensing, technology, economic development, workforce training, internships, workforce development is very good .	Proposed activities intimately linked to Maine’s economy; likelihood of job creation, commercialization, licensing, technology, economic development, workforce training, internships, workforce development is excellent .	
Collaboration	Will not enhance collaboration among research institutions and commercial entities appropriate for the project proposed; will not promote linkages between research, development and commercialization.	Could enhance collaboration among research institutions and commercial entities appropriate for the project proposed; may promote linkages between research, development and commercialization.	Will enhance collaboration among research institutions and commercial entities appropriate for the project proposed; will likely promote linkages between research, development and commercialization.	Will greatly enhance collaboration among research institutions and commercial entities appropriate for the project proposed; will significantly promote linkages between research, development and commercialization.	
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