



## Rubric

This rubric will be used by the Peer Review Board to evaluate paper and poster submissions.

### 1. Abstract

The abstract should clearly define the scope, methodology and results of the research.

### 2. Research Topic

The paper should focus on a specific research problem and contain a well-defined hypothesis.

### 3. Theoretical Basis

The paper should be well grounded in existing literature and theoretical models.

The best papers will extend the literature and models to new data or applications.

### 4. Methodology

The paper should describe the dataset used in the paper and the methodology used to analyze it.

The best papers will use data only from reputable sources and a methodology that is consistent with current theory.

### 5. Results

The paper should contain results that are discussed in the context of the initial hypothesis.

The best papers will discuss how the results either support or refute the hypothesis and provide clear and complete explanations of why the results might have occurred.

### 6. Conclusions

Papers should draw conclusions from the results. Policy implications and practical applications should be presented and supported by the results of the research.

**I. Describe your research topic.**

Description of the research problem

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Statement of the testable hypothesis

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**II. Describe the theoretical basis for your research.**

Review of existing literature

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Description of the theoretical model

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**III. Describe the methodology used in testing your hypothesis.**

Description of dataset

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Description of econometric model or economic analysis

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**IV. Describe your results.**

Description of findings

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**V. Describe your conclusions.**

Practical applications or the policy implications

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Questions for future research

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Rate the overall quality of the submission.

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Completely Unqualified	Very Poor	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Clearly Outstanding