Criteria	Absent	Developing	Strong	Excellent	Score
Collaborative	The proposal does	The potential may exist	The proposal describes	Proposal clearly	
	not address	for collaboration, but the	how the idea requires or	identifies how proposed	
	necessary	proposal does not	leverages new or	idea requires or	
	partnerships or	describe the roles and	existing	leverages new or	
	collaborations	responsibilities of	interdisciplinary/	existing	
	needed to	partnerships.	interdivisional	interdisciplinary/interdiv	
	implement or		collaboration, but the	isional collaboration,	
	maintain Big Idea.	The idea involves	proposal may lack	detailing the positions	
		minimal interdisciplinary/	details about the roles	involved and their roles	
		interdivisional	and responsibilities.	and responsibilities.	
		collaboration in both the			
		implementation and the	Collaboration largely	Collaboration occurs	
		maintenance of the idea.	occurs during	during BOTH the	
			implementation or	implementation and	
		Any collaboration is	maintenance, but not	maintenance of the idea.	
		between faculty, staff, or	both.		
		students, but only		Collaboration occurs	
		includes one of the	Collaboration occurs	equally among faculty,	
		three.	among faculty, staff, and	staff, and students.	
			students, but the		
			predominant work is		
			accomplished by one or		
			two of the groups.		

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Focuses on	Proposal does not	The proposal attempts to	Proposal describes how	Proposal describes how	
Strengths –	identify any	identify strengths or	the idea will leverage	the idea will leverage	
Leveraging	strengths of JMU	assets, but the rationale	existing strengths or	strengths or assets	
existing	and/or natural assets	is limited and not	assets during	during implementation.	
strengths	of the surrounding	supported by fact.	implementation.		
	area nor does it			Rationale for inclusion of	
A proposal may	provide information	Limited details provided	However, proposal may	strengths or assets is	
not address this	of how the idea	of how strength/asset	not fully describe ways	provided and ways in	
area if the idea	would benefit JMU	will be enhanced. The	that strength/asset will	which strengths/assets	
focuses on	or surrounding area	proposal does not	be enhanced after	will be enhanced and	
creating new	by leveraging	describe how distinctive	implementation or	measured after	
pathways for	strengths/assets	the strengths are to JMU.	proposal's description of	implementation are laid	
opportunities.			how the strengths are	out and supported by	
			distinctive (or will make	data.	
Still provide a			JMU distinctive) is		
score for this			limited and not	The proposal describes	
area based on			supported by data.	how the	
the rubric. The				strengths/assets are	
overall score				distinctive to JMU or will	
will be adjusted.				make JMU distinctive	
				once implemented.	

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Focuses on	The proposal does	The proposal suggests	The proposal describes	The proposal clearly	
Strengths –	not explain how the	how the idea will reveal	how pathways to new	articulates how the idea	
New Pathways	idea reveals or	or create pathways to	strengths are created	will lead to new	
	creates pathways to	new strengths, but	and rationale is clear.	strengths or reveal	
A proposal may	NEW strengths for	rationale is limited.		previously unused	
not address this	JMU. Or, described	Details are lacking.	Pathways appear	pathways.	
area if the idea	pathways are clearly	Proposal is not fully	appropriate for JMU and		
focuses on	irrelevant or	developed.	relevant to JMU, but the	Pathways are	
leveraging	inappropriate for		proposal lacks	appropriate and relevant	
strengths.	JMU.	Pathways may be	supporting evidence.	to JMU, and key details	
		appropriate for JMU, but		are described in detail	
Still provide a		the relevance is not		within the proposal,	
score for this		addressed in the		supported by data.	
area based on		proposal.			
the rubric. The					
overall score					
will be adjusted.					

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Makes a Positive Impact	Proposal does not address how the idea has the potential to improve society at local, regional, national or global level AND Proposal does not address how the idea will enhance the student/learner experience or the rationale is limited or not based on relevant information	The proposal states that the idea has potential to improve society at local, regional, national or global level, but no details are provided as to how the idea accomplishes this. The proposal addresses how the idea will enhance the student/learner experience, but the impact is minimal. No metrics are included AND it is unclear what evidence could be used to demonstrate the impact.	The proposal provides details about how the idea has the potential to improve society at local, regional, national, or global level The proposal identifies the benefit to the student/learner experience, but no metrics are identified to measure the magnitude of the impact.	Proposal articulates how the idea will improve society at either the local, regional, national or global level. Metrics are identified to evaluate the impact. And Once implemented, the idea will demonstrate with evidence how the the student/learner experience will be enhanced. Proposal articulates specific metrics to measure the benefit. And	
Criteria	Absent	Developing	Strong	Excellent	Score

Differentiates	The proposal does	The proposal provides	The Proposal details	The proposal details how	
the University	not identify any	some details on how the	how the idea will	the idea will elevate JMU	
the oniversity	comparison group,	idea might elevate the	distinguish JMU from a	from a well-defined	
	field, or concept	university, but the	well-defined comparison	comparison group, field,	
	(e.g., Research	proposal does not	group, field, or concept	or concept (e.g.,	
	universities, all	provide data to support	(e.g., Research	Research universities,	
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	higher education,	the argument and simply	universities, higher	higher education, other	
	other non-profits)	refers to the	education, other non-	non-profits) with details	
	against which the	differentiation in general	profits) with details on	on how the idea will	
	idea will elevate the	terms.	how the idea will	elevate JMU's standing	
	university. It is	(e.g., JMU will become	elevate JMU's standing	among these peers. Data	
	unclear how the idea	the best in the nation).	among these peers.	are provided about	
	will lead to JMU	Or the proposal does not	However, the proposal	where JMU currently	
	differentiating itself	provide details on how	does not provide data to	stands among	
	against its peers.	the idea will differentiate	support the argument	comparison groups and	
		JMU against an identified	and simply refers to the	the potential	
		comparison group, field,	differentiation in general	change/improvement	
		or concept (e.g.,	terms.	that could occur because	
		Research universities,		of the idea.	
		higher education, other			
		non-profits).			