**Important: Could Result in Rejected RSEL Proposal**

**RSEL TIP SHEET**

(revised Fall 2015)

The following table should be used as a guide by students applying for Research, Service, and Educational Leadership Grants. While not inclusive of all reasons grants are rejected, this list shows the most common reasons that RSEL grants have been rejected or reduced. As this table shows, very good ideas not presented to full professional standards may be rejected or partially funded.

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| Deficiency in the Proposal | Possible Result |
| Absence of clear objectives of the project | Proposal not funded |
| Missing advisor letter of support | Proposal not funded |
| While international travel can be funded, no explanation as to the distinct research component of the trip; no substantiation that the travel is necessary to conduct the research | Proposal not funded |
| Failure to explain clearly the research project that is distinct from the internship experience. Internships and preceptorships are not funded, but research during this capstone experience can be. | Proposal not funded |
| Failure to check appropriate boxes when IRB, IACUC, and/or IBC approval is needed (or explanation as to why approval is unnecessary) | Proposal not funded |
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| Weak or overly general budget justification (in both budget sheet and in narrative) | Reduction in funding |
| Failure to write to general audience (i.e., too much reliance on discipline-related jargon, failure to define key discipline-related terms) | Reduction in funding |
| Lack of headings (Statement of Purpose, Objects, Final Product, etc…) | Reduction in funding |
| Lack of citations of related research | Reduction in funding |
| Incorrect or inconsistent referencing | Reduction in funding |
| Poorly worded research question or purpose of study | Reduction in funding |
| Non-descriptive (boilerplate) faculty letter of support | Reduction in funding |
| Failure to agree to present at UWL Celebration of Student Research  (held each April; if student is not on campus the April following completion of research, he/she must present research proposal/preliminary results the previous April). | Reduction in funding |