GRADCON Abstract & Personal Statement Rubric

Total Points Possible = 18

Round 1 Judging	Very Poor/Poor (1-2)	Fair/Good (3-4)	Very Good/Excellent (5-6)
Project Description	Not clearly stated and/or poor transitions.	Clearly stated but their discussion seems to drift from the project. May include some technical language.	Clearly explained in non- technical language that is easy to understand by a non-specialist. Grabs interest in topic.
Professional Development	Project work not likely to advance student learning because of the nature of the project or because of the direction taken by the student. Professional development is poorly addressed.	Project work enhances student development in terms of learning outcomes, advancing skills, <i>or</i> preparation for their profession.	Project work significantly enhances student development in terms of learning outcomes, advancing skills, & preparation for their profession.
Significance and Impact	Importance of work is not clearly stated. Or, Applicant doesn't address broader impacts.	Importance of work is stated, but not well developed. Applicant addresses some of the broader impacts of the research project.	Importance of work is clear, concise, and easy to understand by nonspecialists. Applicant addresses the significant broader impacts and larger context of the project for the student, university, and/or society.