MURC 2027 Abstract Rubric

Criteria	Needs Improvement (1)	Meets Expectation (2)	Exceeds Expectation (3)
Clarity – The accessibility of the abstract to a generalist audience.	The overall message is unclear, and the use of jargon may confuse a generalist audience.	The overall message is understandable, and jargon is explained sufficiently for a generalist audience.	The overall message is exceptionally clear, and jargon is explained with great precision and accessibility for a generalist audience.
Quality of writing – Spelling, grammar, formatting, and general flow of the abstract.	Many spelling, grammar, or formatting errors in the abstract. Lacks a clear structure and is difficult to follow.	Few to no spelling, grammar, or formatting errors. Has a logical structure that is easy to follow.	No spelling, grammar, or formatting errors. Is skillfully structured to highlight the key ideas and flows naturally from one point to the next.
Methodology – Methods of the research.	It is unclear how the methods connect to the results.	The methods are adequately described and appropriately support the research results.	The methods are thoroughly described with a clear connection to the research results.
Findings – Results, or expected outcomes, and their links to the research.	The results or expected outcomes are not explicitly presented. Their connection to the research question is not evident.	The results or expected outcomes are adequately presented and show a reasonable connection to the research question.	The results or expected outcomes are thoroughly presented with a strong and explicit connection to the research question.
Significance – The importance and contribution of the research to the existing knowledge base.	The importance and contribution of the research to the existing knowledge base are not clearly articulated.	The importance and contribution of the research to the existing knowledge base is adequately articulated.	The importance and contribution of the research to the existing knowledge base is thoroughly articulated.