CHECKLIST
EVALUATING YOUR PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

____  1. Have you read enough literature relevant to your topic to know that your research project is worth your time and effort?
   • Will the project advance the frontiers of knowledge in an important way?
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   • Have you asked a research expert in your field to advise you on the value of your research effort?
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____  2. Have you looked at your research problem from all sides to minimize unwanted surprises?
   • What is good about your potential project?
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   • What are the potential pitfalls of attempting this research effort?
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____  3. What research procedure will you follow?
   • Do you have a plan to review the literature?
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   • Do you have a plan for data collection?
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   • Do you have a plan for data analysis?
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   • Do you have a plan to interpret the data you collect?
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4. What research tools are available for you to use? Make a list and check their availability. Determine how you will use them.

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5. Have two or three peers review your proposal. Do they understand what you are proposing to do? What questions do they have? What concerns do they share?
   • I have discussed this plan with _____________, _____________, and ____________.
   • They have the following questions and concerns:

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