

Judging Rubric

The Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives encourage, reward and celebrate inventors, social entrepreneurs, innovative designers and creative thinkers who develop solutions to global sustainability challenges. This rubric is based on a scale of 1-5. 5= Highest Score, 1= Lowest Score.					
Project Observation					
The project abstract conveys intent to solve a sustainability problem.	5	4	3	2	1
Research topic is interdisciplinary in nature, combining two or more disciplines.	5	4	3	2	1
Conveys understanding of human wellbeing, environmental stewardship, and economic prosperity as aspects of sustainability.	5		3		1
5 Clearly identifies environmental, human and economic aspects of sustainability 3 Some but not all aspects of sustainability are addressed 1 One aspect of sustainability is addressed					
Research has a potential impact for sustainability locally, regionally and/or globally.	5	4	3	2	1
The sustainability solution has potential to be realized	5	4	3	2	1
Interview: What are the environmental impacts? What are the impacts on people? How can this be turned into a marketable product or service? What problem is this solving? How was this challenging for you to use other skills or disciplines?					
Finalist conveys understanding of human wellbeing, environmental stewardship and economic prosperity as aspects of sustainability.	5	4	3	2	1
What did you hope could be achieved through this research? (Finalist conveys that the purpose of their research was to solve a sustainability challenge.)	5	4	3	2	1
What could be some potential drawbacks of your solution? Are there other outcomes that perhaps were not in the original intention of this research? 5- Able to identify specific examples of how the solution may have alternative effects outside of its original intention (tradeoffs). 3- Unable to identify specific examples however, acknowledges that the solution could have either positive or negative outcomes on other areas.	5		3		
Total=					/45