

Category	Component	Requirement	Requirement Satisfied?
<b>Project Proposal</b>	Title	Does the proposal have a title?	
	Research question(s)	Does the proposal have a research question(s)?	
	Specific Aims	Does the proposal have specific aims that adequately address the research question(s)?	
	Background and rationale	Does the proposal have a background section that summarizes the current state of knowledge surrounding the study's focus and a rationale that supports the need for the study?	
	Methods	Does the proposal have a methods section that describes how the Match data would be used? Are the methods suitable to the research question(s)?	
	Risks and benefits	Does the proposal include a statement outlining the risks and benefits of the study?	
	Timeline	Does the proposal have a timeline for the study?	
	Required resources	Does the proposal list the resources required to complete this study?	
	Necessity of Match Data	Does the proposed study require Match data in order to answer its research question(s)? In other words, is there no other way to conduct this study without using Match data?	
	Specificity of Data requested	Does the investigator list the specific Match Data they need to conduct their study?	
	Comments		
<b>Project Impact and Feasibility</b>	Novel	Is this study novel and/or important to the profession?	
	Impact on GC profession	Is there potential for this project to have a positive impact on the GC profession?	
	Feasibility	Is this project feasible? Does the investigator have a suggested journal they are targeting for publication?	
	Funding and resources	Does the investigator have secured funding and resources for this study?	
	Comments		
<b>Qualifications</b>	Investigator qualifications	Is the investigator or faculty PI qualified to conduct this study? Do they have a record of scholarship? Have they completed similar projects before? Has the investigator asked for Match data previously? What was the outcome of that request?	
	Comments		

<b>Safeguards</b>	IRB review	Has this study been reviewed by an IRB?	
	IRB approval	Has this study been approved or exempted by an IRB?	
	Confidentiality	Does the investigator have a plan to maintain confidentiality of the Match data?	
	Data storage and security	Does the investigator have a plan to safely and securely store the Match data? Will access be restricted to the study team?	
	Comments		
<b>Overall Assessment</b>	Match Data Request Committee (MDRC) recommendation to EC		

**\*Designed as minimum criteria for which a project could be considered. Criteria need to be met in order to move forward to EC for deliberation/determination. This was not designed to differentiate between similar projects but rather any strong project that meets criteria gets put forward. Will include overall recommendation for use of data or not.**

**\*can go to EC without IRB approval but no data released until approved.**