

2007 Microsoft US Innovative Teachers Forum Application Criteria	
Application Criteria	Weight
Section I: 21st Century Learning Teams	
21st Century Learning Teams: Part I: About the Team	5 points
21st Century Learning Teams: Part II: Goals and Team Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team goals • Common norms, agreements and learning beliefs • Team meeting time, duration and frequency • Team communication tools and strategies 	10 points
21st Century Learning Teams: Part III: Teamwork in Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the team organize its work to stay focused on student achievement? • How does the team use best practice strategies to foster professional growth and student achievement? 	20 points
21st Century Learning Teams: Part IV: Team Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the team directly contributed to improved student achievement? • What has been the most significant team learning thus far? • How has the team impacted the school structure and culture? • What are other indicators of success? • Team challenges and solutions • How does the team demonstrate 21st Century skills? • Anything else that your team would like to share 	15 points
Section II: 21st Century Projects	
21 Century Projects: Part I: Project overview	5 points
21 Century Projects: Part II: Project Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea source & design steps • Concepts/themes • Essential questions • Core subject area integration • Standards • 21st Century content • Learning & thinking skills • Life skills 	20 Points
21 Century Projects: Part III: Project Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student learning strategies • Required resources • Information and communication technology • Implementation steps • Implementation tip 	10 points
21 Century Projects: Part IV: Project Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment strategies • Student products/performances • Students' most significant learning 	10 points
21 Century Projects: Part V: Project Artifacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student work samples • Project descriptors & rubrics • Other key project files, links, etc 	5 points
Total	100 Points