# RPA 2025 Research Paper Rubric

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*How knowledgeable are you (the reviewer) regarding the topic in the paper and the presentation?*

| Limited | | Moderate | | Primary Research Area |
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**Overall Assessment of Candidate:** ___ Unacceptable ___ Acceptable

## Research Report

| | | Very Weak | Weak | Acceptable | Strong | Very Strong |
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| Introduction (Appropriate research questions are posed and motivation for the research is provided) | | | | | | |
| Critical Literature Review (Existing research and theory are summarized in depth) | | | | | | |
| Research Plan | Research agenda is clear and valid | | | | | |
| | Appropriate research methods are discussed | | | | | |
| | Research progress meets expectations | | | | | |
| Conclusion and Future Work (Conclusion and future work are clear) | | | | | | |
| References (Reference list is adequate and up to date) | | | | | | |
| Clarity of Writing | | | | | | |
| Overall Research Report Rating | | | | | | |

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