



## 2025 KEA Call for Undergraduate Papers-Rubric

Description	Point Value
<p><b>Follow Structure of Empirical Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstract</li> <li>• Introduction and Motivation</li> <li>• Literature Review</li> <li>• Data and Empirical Methods</li> <li>• Results/Discussion</li> <li>• Conclusion</li> <li>• References</li> <li>• Tables and Figures</li> <li>• Appendix (if necessary)</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Introduction and Motivation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivate the contribution to the literature</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Literature Review and Theory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarize and integrate results of prior literature</li> <li>• Motivate inclusion of variables in paper</li> <li>• Discuss how current paper fits into literature or builds on current literature</li> <li>• Correct citation use and style</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Data and Summary Statistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss data source and sample selection</li> <li>• Describe variables and present summary statistics in an easy-to-read table</li> <li>• Do summary statistics make sense? Discuss unexpected signs or irregularities/problems with data</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>
<p><b>Empirical Results/Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present model to be estimated, including estimation method (regression, panel data method, probit/logit, etc...)</li> <li>• Present model results in an easy-to-read table</li> <li>• Address important econometric problems (e.g. heteroskedasticity, serial correlation, endogeneity, omitted variables, irrelevant variables, etc...)</li> <li>• Discuss and interpret key variable(s) of interest including hypothesis test and economic importance</li> <li>• Compare results to previous work discussed in literature review</li> <li>• Answer the research question</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of paper</li> <li>• Any limitations?</li> <li>• Extensions for future work</li> <li>• Policy Implications or applications of results</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>



<b>References</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use in-text citations</li> <li>• Include a References List</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>
<b>Overall Aspects of the Paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content (interesting or creative topic)</li> <li>• Writing (text easy to read and follow, concisely written)</li> <li>• Style (figures, tables, does it feel like an empirical paper?)</li> <li>• Coherent story from beginning to end</li> <li>• Any creativity or interesting application of results?</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<b>Presentation at KEA Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization and flow</li> <li>• Visuals</li> <li>• Writing (text easy to read and follow, free of grammatical errors)</li> <li>• Delivery (clarity)</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>