



UT Rocks K Club K Award Application: What About All That Other Stuff?

Other Stuff

- Major focus on Career Development Plan and Scientific Content
- Other stuff is important, too!
 - Budget and justification-will cover in another session
 - Biosketches
 - Resources, equipment and environment
 - Statements/Letters-Mentor, Co-Mentors, Collaborators, Consultants
 - Institutional commitment
 - Protection of human subjects
 - Vertebrate animals
 - Resource sharing plan
 - Appendix



Biosketches

- PI and all key personnel
- “New” NIH format (5 pages)
- Requires a bit of work and thought
- Generally more useful to reviewers
- Scientific Editor, Amanda Preston, PhD



Resources, Equipment and Environment

- Make sure this description includes everything you need to do the proposed research
- Lab and office space
- Individual and shared equipment
- Animal and human research facilities
- Core resources and services
 - Genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, bioinformatics, biostatistics, etc.
- Use “boilerplate” judiciously



Statements/Letters-Mentor, Co-Mentors, Collaborators, Consultants

- Important! If you mention a collaborator or consultant needed for your project, you must have a letter!
- Letter should be succinct and describe precisely what the contribution to the project will be.
- Briefly describe the qualifications/experience for the contribution, as well as any previous interaction/collaboration you have had.



Institutional Commitment

- Extremely important!
- Usually letter from Chair or Program Director
- Describes commitments made to you, including faculty appointment, space, equipment, start-up funds, protected time and expected career trajectory
- Your value to the department and institution
- Ideally, expresses commitment/support even if this grant is not funded.



Protection of Human Subjects

- Federal-Wide Assurance (FWA)
- Human subjects involvement and characteristics
- Source of research material
- Risks and safeguards
- Adverse reactions and discontinuation from the study
- Confidentiality/HIPAA
- Recruitment and informed consent



Protection of Human Subjects

- Data and safety monitoring plan
- Other information (compensation, etc.)
- Potential benefits of proposed research
- Importance of knowledge to be gained
- ClinicalTrials.gov requirements
- Inclusion of women and minorities
- Inclusion of children (**under 21 yoa**)
- Planned enrollment table

Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table

This report format should NOT be used for data collection from study participants.

Study Title: Ursodeoxycholic acid in pediatric primary sclerosing cholangitis

Total Planned Enrollment: 50

TARGETED/PLANNED ENROLLMENT: Number of Subjects			
Ethnic Category	Sex/Gender		
	Females	Males	Total
Hispanic or Latino	1	1	2
Not Hispanic or Latino	19	29	48
Ethnic Category: Total of All Subjects *	20	30	50
Racial Categories			
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0
Asian	1	1	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Black or African American	3	4	7
White	16	25	41
Racial Categories: Total of All Subjects *	20	30	50

* The "Ethnic Category: Total of All Subjects" must be equal to the "Racial Categories: Total of All Subjects."



Vertebrate Animals

- Animals to be used
- Justify the use and **number** of animals
- **Veterinary care**
- Procedures to limit pain and discomfort
- **Methods of Euthanasia**



Resource Sharing Plan

- All cell lines and protocols created and published as a part of this project will be available to other investigators. Any transfer of such materials will be made in accordance with the policies of the University of Tennessee and are consistent with the Uniform Biological Materials Transfer Agreement.



Appendix

- Do NOT use the appendix to circumvent page limits in the application
- Manuscripts and/or abstracts accepted for publication but not yet published
- Published manuscripts and/or abstracts **only** when a free, online, publicly available journal link is not available.
- Patent materials directly relevant to the project
- Surveys, questionnaires, data collection instruments, clinical protocols, and informed consent documents
- Paper PHS398 applications **only may include full-sized glossy photographs, such as electron micrographs or gels; however, the image (reduced in size but readily legible) must also be included within the page limitations of the Research Plan.**



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