



Grant Writing & Formatting 101

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Before You Write

- Develop your idea
- Identify a funding opportunity
- Speak with NIH staff





Create an Outline

- Provisional title
- Specific Aims
- Narrative
- Experiments
- Research Strategy
- Abstract and Narrative

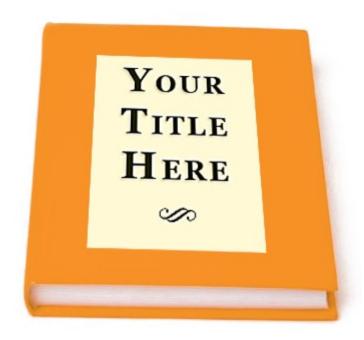






Write a Provisional Title

- Succinct
- Specific
- Distinguishing
- Goal oriented







Draft Your Specific Aims

- Build on experience
- Address significant problem
- Create new knowledge
- Multiple outcomes
- Achievable







Craft Your Narrative

- Statement of goals
- •50% rationale and significance
- •50% summary of aims







Construct Your Research Strategy

- Significance
- Innovation
- Approach







Generate Your Abstract and Narrative

- Significance
- Hypothesis and innovative potential
- Brief aims and objectives
- Relevance to public health







General Writing Tips

- Realistic goals
- Organization
- Concise language
- Sales
- Editing
- Advice







2019 Updates

Section	Heading	Revised Language
Research Plan – Research Strategy	Significance	Describe the strengths and weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research (both published and unpublished).
Research Plan – Research Strategy	Approach	Describe plans to address weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research
Study Population Characteristics	Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children	Inclusion Across the Lifespan [References to Inclusion of Children replaced with Inclusion Across the Lifespan]





Budget Basics

- Duration of Program
- Salary Support (varies by Institute/Center)
 - Up to legislative salary cap
- Research Support (varies by Institute/Center)
 - Up to \$50,000 per year





Format Your Proposal

- Recommended Fonts
- Page Margins
- Page Limits
- Hyperlinks and URLs





Basics

- eRA Commons Username
- Early Stage Investigator
- UTHSC Office of Research Administration