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

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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