



Grants



Children's Foundation  
Research Institute

# Grant Writing & Formatting 101

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# Before You Write

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- 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

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- 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

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- Significance
- Innovation
- Approach





# Generate Your Abstract and Narrative

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                         | Describe the strengths and weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research (both published and unpublished).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



# Budget Basics

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- 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

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



# Basics

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