

## Grant writing tips from NIH webinar

### Federal Grant System Accounts for PI's/PD's

<https://grants.nih.gov/new-to-nih/investigators-and-other-users>

#### Tip 1: Make your Project's Goals Realistic and Clear

- Make sure your specific aims are clear
- Be Realistic, not overly ambitious
- Be Explicit!

#### Tip 2: Be organized

- Be specific and informative
- Make sure your application is as easy to read as possible
- Use headings and bulleted lists

#### Tip 3: Write in clear, concise language

- Make your proposal a joy to read
- Keep sentences clear, simple, and as short as possible
- Avoid jargon
- Be consistent with terms, writing style, references

#### Tip 4: Remember Your Reviewers are your primary audience

- Read (and reread) the Review criteria in the NOFO
- Emphasize the significance of the proposed project
- Include enough background for the reader to understand your project
- Use figures, tables, diagrams to summarize data and key, key concepts, project plan

#### Tip 5: Edit

Edit your application before submitting

- Avoid typos, misspellings, grammar errors, disorganization
- Be sure to follow instructions in the Application Guide re: formatting

#### Tip 6: Enlist Help

- Ask peers, mentors, collaborators, experienced investigators for help

### **Where to find NIH grant Notice of Funding Opportunity**

NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts

<https://grants.nih.gov/funding/nih-guide-for-grants-and-contracts>

### **Characteristics of Outstanding Grant Applications**

- Strong Significance, addresses an important problem in public health
- IMPACT is high

- Investigators have a strong track record (well-qualified applicant, compelling publications related to the proposed project)
- Clear rationale for the project
- Relevant, supporting data
- Clear, focused approach
- Very organized organization
- Careful attention to details (i.e., lack of spelling, grammar, errors, etc.)

**NIH Research Training Website**

<https://researchtraining.nih.gov/>

**NIH Find a Fit for Your Research**

<https://grants.nih.gov/funding/find-a-fit-for-your-research-nih-institutes-centers-offices>

**NIH Sample Applications and Documents**

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/samples-applications-and-documents#sample-grant-applications>

**Where to look at long-term trends in funding?**

NIH Data book: Statistics and Trends in NIH Funding

<https://report.nih.gov/nihdatabook/>

**NIH Reporter: Look at active NIH projects across the US**

<https://reporter.nih.gov/>