Workbook Descriptions

NIH workbook

Those applying to NIH in 2010 and after will get the ‘Beta’ version of our NIH Workbook. We have extensively revised our Workbook to incorporate all of the changes that we anticipate will be made. Principles and fundamentals of good proposal writing are emphasized in this Workbook, together with tips and strategies that kept the authors continuously funded by NIH throughout their research careers. The Workbook is interactive in the sense that examples are provided after which the reader is asked to make a comparable response in his/her area of research interest. As such responses are made the first draft of the application evolves.

A disk accompanies the Workbook, allowing the user to: (i) set up a writing schedule, and (ii) create a bullet outline that guides preparation of the template or master plan for the grant proposal.

NSF Workbook

For most funding opportunities, NSF allows electronic submission of a proposal through either Grants.gov (SF424 format) or FastLane (NSF's historical electronic format). Because >90% of applicants have chosen to submit through FastLane, our NSF Workbook is for that format. Principles and fundamentals of good proposal writing are emphasized in this Workbook, together with tips and strategies that kept the authors continuously funded throughout their research careers. The approaches can easily be transposed to the SF424 format if Grants.gov is chosen as the preparation/submission system. The Workbook is interactive in the sense that examples are provided after which the reader is asked to make a comparable response in his/her area of research interest. As such responses are made the first draft of the application evolves.

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Successful Proposals to Any Agency

The grant applications of most agencies contain basically the same sections – only the specific names for the sections and the order in which they appear in the application are different. In addition, the principles and fundamentals of good proposal writing are the same for all agencies. Given these two facts, we have written a ‘generic’ workbook that can be used to write a proposal to any granting agency. It walks the applicant through the preparation of each section and is meant to be complemented by the specific instructions of the agency that is being targeted.

USDA

This Workbook is specific for the United States Department of Agriculture's CSREES Competitive Grants Program. Principles and fundamentals of good proposal writing are emphasized in this Workbook, together with tips and strategies that kept the authors continuously funded throughout their research careers. The approaches can readily be transposed to the new SF424 format and submission through Grants.gov. The Workbook is interactive in the sense that examples are provided after which the reader is asked to make a comparable response in his/her area of research interest. As such responses are made the first draft of the application evolves.