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Proposal planning

Persistence is the most important element

Read all the reviews and seriously digest prior to next attempt Brainstorm possible project directions – new and ambitious – take risks Gather ideas from peers, seniors, literature – cite everyone Set aside time -- 40 productive hours (for me) to prepare a proposal Get results

scientific results - figures for proposals publications

time better spent here than on too many proposals nsf.gov study programs and abstracts of existing grants doe.gov, nih.gov etc.

Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) gives instructions Visit program officer



Proposal Writing

Write an outline including figures for a start

→ Understand how a reviewer evaluates your proposal!

NSF Key concepts
Intellectual merit
Broader impacts



Proposal Writing (2)

INTRODUCTION

General introduction suitable for non-specialist

Why that agency?

Why that program?

Specifically address the call for proposals goals, each and every one if possible

Why you?

Why this science?

Why now?

Statement of need for funding -- in introduction

Scientific impact

Human resource impact and EOE

Impact on public appreciation of science



Proposal Writing (3)

PROPOSAL BODY

Section: Background

Section: Research plan

Address problems openly and humbly

Add results in hand supporting capability

Section: management and personnel

Education/Outreach

realistic

engaged

mentoring (caring)

Quality matters – intro, figures, references



Partnering with federal R&D laboratories

Use our unfair advantage: NIH, NIST, GSFC, NRL, FDA

Committed to the idea of teaming NIST researchers with UMCP researchers

- Increased productivity
- Leverage the strengths of both organization
- Entrepreneurship for Federal Scientists and Engineers
- Fellowship programs team building and efficiency!



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How can we be helpful?

