

- Quantify whenever possible.
- Edit. Try to keep your specific aims to two or three sentences each.
- Remember that reviewers have dozens of applications to evaluate.
- Use language and formatting to create signposts for overworked reviewers, for example:

The long-term objectives of this project are...

The general strategy of the proposed research is to...

The specific aims of the present study are to...

Four goals are envisioned: ...

In these experiments, molecular, biochemical, and structural approaches will be used to...

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- Don't put anything that is critical for reviewers to read, such as key graphics, in an appendix because reviewers are not required to read appendixes.
- Include clear tables, figures, and diagrams (along with legends) in the text.
- Conduct a thorough literature search and cite all relevant literature (omissions here are often a source of criticism). Be sure to discuss your work in the context of these published results.
- Provide preliminary data whenever they exist.

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PREPARING A STRONG GRANT APPLICATION (Cont.)

Preparing Your Application

First, be sure you're using the most current application form.

Second, follow a simple mantra: Start early, write, read, rest, re-read, revise.

In your application, you should address the following questions, keeping in mind the information given under "Criteria for Rating of Grant Applications,"

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- What do you want to do?
- Why is it important?
- Why do you think you can do it?
- Has this area been studied before (and if so, what has been done)?
- What approaches will you use, and why?
- Why do you think it's feasible?
- What will you do if your initial approach doesn't work as planned?
- What resources and expertise are available to you from your institution?

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You should keep the following suggestions in mind as you prepare your application:

- Read and follow instructions, paying close attention to budget requirements and eligibility criteria .
- Prepare your application with care, and use spell check. No matter how strong the science, typos and grammatical errors leave a poor impression.
- Don't try to evade the page limit by using small type or narrow margins.
- Don't feel you must write up to the full page limit; you get points for strength, not length.

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