

A QUICK GUIDE TO GRANT-WRITING RESOURCES

GRANT-WRITING RESOURCES—WHERE TO BEGIN

A. For those of you beginning the grant-writing process, we would suggest reading the following three items in the order in which they are listed:

1. “The Making of a Successful Proposal.” *The Graduate*. Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley. Spring 1987. Reprint. <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/publications/thegraduate/Reprints/proposal.pdf>
2. “The Art of Writing Proposals: Some Candid Suggestions for Applicants to Social Science Research Council Competitions” by Adam Przeworski and Frank Salomon. Social Science Research Council. September 1988. http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/art_of_writing_proposals.page
This work is geared for those in the social sciences, but it is still one of the best resources on grant writing in general.
3. “The Holy Grail: In Pursuit of the Dissertation Proposal” by Michael Watts. Dissertation Proposal Workshop, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley. 2001. <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/DissPropWorkshop/process/InPursuitofPhD.pdf>

As with the example above, this work is geared for those in the social sciences, but it still provides a wealth of information for proposal writing in other disciplines. Sample budgets are also available on this Web site at <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/DissPropWorkshop/nuts&bolts/budgeting.html>.

B. After you have familiarized yourself with the above resources, we would recommend that you select readings from the following categories, depending on your discipline:

HUMANITIES:

- Carlson, Maria. “Submitting A Grant Proposal: Risks, Benefits, and How to Succeed.” Faculty Proposal Development Tutorial, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, 1998. http://www.hallcenter.ku.edu/HGDO/externalResources/hgdo_extRcs_facDevPrplTtrl.shtml#idReferences
- Gillis, Christina M. “Scholarly Arguments: Strategies for Writing Persuasive Proposals in the Humanities.” Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley, 1993. Available online at http://townsendcenter.berkeley.edu/scholarly_arguments.shtml

SCIENCES:

- Barrett, Ellen. “Hints for Writing Successful NIH Grants.” University of Miami School of Medicine, October 1995. http://www2.uta.edu/sswgrants/Technical%20Assistance/hints_for_writing_successful_nih.htm
- Ernst, Michael. “Writing an NSF Career Award Proposal.” Notes from a May 2000 workshop at the University of Washington College of Engineering. <http://pag.lcs.mit.edu/~mernst/advice/career-grant.html>
- Grant Proposal Guide, National Science Foundation, Effective September 1, 2004 [nsf0423]. Posted July 14, 2004. <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/ods/getpub.cfm?gpg>
- “A Guide for Proposal Writing,” National Science Foundation. [nsf04016] Posted February 20, 2004. <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04016/nsf04016.pdf>

SOCIAL SCIENCES:

- Krathwohl, David R. *How to Prepare a Research Proposal: Guidelines for Funding and Dissertations in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Third edition. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1988.

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