Mid-career Technical Workshop
Value of Program Director Guidance

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Before you submit your application:

- Aligning research ideas with NINR mission, strategic plan, programmatic areas
- Staying appraised of NIH funding opportunities and Notices
- Determining appropriate activity code
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After you submit your application:
• Interpreting summary statements and planning next steps
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After you receive an award:
• Heading off challenges encountered in grant awards
• Addressing general concerns/comments
Before you submit…….

….. contact your Program Director for guidance on preparing your application
Start With an Idea

• Prepare a 1-2 page concept
  • Importance of the topic
  • How the research will advance the field or improve clinical practice
  • Research question and outcome measures
  • Rationale for approach
  • What you and your team bring to the project
Does It Fit NINR’s mission?

NINR supports and conducts clinical and basic research to build the foundation for clinical practice.
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Scientific Focus Areas to Implement NINR’s Strategic Plan

- Symptom Science
- Wellness
- Self-Management
- End-of-Life & Palliative Care
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Cross-cutting Themes

Genetics

Technology

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Innovative Questions in Wellness (sample)

2-2 – What factors moderate and mediate the effects of lifestyle interventions designed to promote healthy behaviors among family members (e.g., intergenerational) while considering the environmental context (e.g., social, structural, and demographic)?

www.ninr.nih.gov/newsandinformation/iq
www.ninr.nih.gov/genomicsworkshop
NIH Resources

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Funding

NIH offers funding for many types of grants, contracts, and even programs that help repay loans for researchers. Learn about these programs, as well as about NIH's budget process, grant funding strategies, and policies, and more.

Grants (NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts)

The NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts is our official publication for NIH grant policies, guidelines and funding opportunities. We publish daily, and issue a table of contents weekly. Learn more about the NIH Guide and subscribe today!
Activity Codes

R01 - Research Project Grants
R15 - Academic Research Enhancement
R21 - Exploratory/Developmental Grant
P20 - Exploratory Centers
P30 - Centers of Excellence
R41 and R42 Small Business
R43 and R44 Small Business

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm
After you submit…….

…wait for your Summary Statement, then contact your Program Director
“They said my grant proposal was too preliminary, not focused, too ambitious, a large fishing expedition, did not provide a clear rationale, and was viewed with a low level of enthusiasm.”

What am I going to do?
… Now What?

Your Program Director can help you to:

• Read your critique thoroughly and dispassionately

• Determine if the application is “worth fixing”

• Respond sensibly to the queries and concerns of the reviewers
After you are funded…

...stay in close contact with your Program Director
Contact your Program Director to discuss:

• Upcoming publications
• Issues that may affect progress on your research aims
• Prior approval requirements
• Next step – renewal or new application
Program Directors are your primary source of information for scientific, funding and programmatic matters.

http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/dea/desp/contact-programofficer#