

2018 NIH and NSF Grant Proposal Writing Program

FAQs

Who will conduct the program?

Dr. John D. Robertson of **Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops (GWSW)**, who presents the *Write Winning NIH and NSF Grant Proposals Seminar*, will conduct the proposal-writing program.

What does the program consist of?

Participants receive:

- a detailed critique of their Aims page/pre-proposal,
- up to three reviews of revisions of it, and
- once the final grant application is completed, a one-time only detailed review of their completed final grant proposal, provided that it is submitted by a pre-defined deadline or by a pre-approved deadline extension.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

NSF principal investigators **who**

- attend the Write Winning NIH and NSF Grant Proposals seminar (Core and NSF-Focus sections) on Sep. 21-22, 2017, and
- own a copy of *The Grant Application Writer's Workbook, NSF Version*.*
- NOTE: This program is **not** designed for NSF CAREER applicants. See information about NSF CAREER Academy events at URL.

NIH principal investigators **who**

- attend the Write Winning NIH and NSF Grant Proposals seminar on Sep. 21, 2017 (Core and NIH-Focus sections) or have attended the Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals seminar on Sep. 22, 2016, and
- own a copy of *The Grant Application Writer's Workbook, NIH Version*.*
- NOTE: PIs targeting the NIH who attended the 2016 NIH seminar (and therefore qualify for this program) are still encouraged to attend the 2017 seminar, Core and NIH-Focus sections, if at all possible.

**January 2017 edition. Sep 2017 seminar attendees receive a free copy of the workbook. NIH applicants who attended the 2016 seminar will also receive a January 2017 edition workbook.*

How do I apply to the grant proposal-writing program?

1. The PI completes application via eProposal and uploads the required biographical sketch on or before the October 6 deadline.
2. The department head and college research dean review and endorse application and indicate funding contribution. The application must be endorsed by both the head and research dean even if one is not providing part of the fee. In that case, the dean or department head should indicate \$-0- in the funding amount.
3. The Division of Research notifies the PI and GWSW that the application has been completed.
4. GWSW emails instructions to candidate for the pre-proposal.
5. The PI submits the pre-proposal on or before November 9 deadline.
6. GWSW and DOR review pre-proposals and select program participants.
7. Participants are notified of selection in early to mid-December 2017.

If my department funds the entire registration cost, does the college dean still need to sign the application?

Yes, the application must be endorsed by both the department head and the college research dean. The dean or department head should indicate \$-0- in the funding amount if the other is providing the full fee.

If my department and college approve my application, am I automatically enrolled in the program?

No, the application is only the first step. Approved applicants will be asked to submit a pre-proposal directly to GWSW. Participants will be selected following the review of those pre-proposals. There is a limit of 30 participants in this program.

What are the components of the pre-proposal?

After receipt of your application, GWSW will send detailed instructions for how to prepare your pre-proposal based on the grant mechanism you have chosen.

Who will review applications?

The application serves as a "Letter of Intent" to the local program organizers and documents your department's and college's endorsement of your participation in this professional development opportunity. Selection of participants will be based on the pre-proposal.

Who will review pre-proposals and what are the selection criteria?

Dr. Robertson will be the primary reviewer of pre-proposals, with the Division of Research providing secondary review and consultation as necessary. Pre-proposals will be assessed for quality and feasibility of the proposed project and on the biosketch information.

Will the onsite workshop require an overnight stay for out-of-town participants?

Every effort will be made to schedule the one-on-one meeting for out-of-town faculty participants on the same day as the group workshop. Travel costs for this meeting are the responsibility of the participants.

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