

Abstract

Not to exceed 300 words spaced. State the problem, describe the methods, and identify the relevance to the purpose of the grant.

Budget Criteria

Budget is not to exceed \$2,500 for the following grants:

- Founders' Circle Endowment Fund Grant
- Sally Lusk Grant
- Joseph & Jean Buckwalter Grant

Budget not to exceed \$10,000 for the following grant:

- MNRS Seed Grant
 - Only expenses essential to the conduct of the proposed research will be funded. No indirect costs are allowed.
 - Prohibited expenses include: purchase of personal computers; educational assistance such as tuition, textbooks, or dissertation preparation; travel or per diem to present papers or posters; conference registrations; or MNRS membership.
- Personnel: State percentage of effort on project and salaries and benefits. No subcontractors will be allowed.
- Supplies: Items with a unit cost of \$500 or less.
- Equipment: None allowed.
- Travel: Only as related to carrying out this research proposal. Funds cannot be used to travel to the MNRS Conference.
- Other: Include printing, postage, telephone, and duplicating in this category.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Biographical Sketch of Principal Investigator

The NIH biosketch is to be used for the principal investigator. Include biographical sketches for co-investigator(s), major professor/adviser, and consultant(s), if applicable, in Appendix B.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative (including aims/purpose, background and significance, methods) must not exceed 4 pages. Facilities, human subjects, and references must not exceed 4 type written pages. The proposal is to be single spaced. Use .5 margins all around, Arial font and 11-point type or print. Proposals not conforming to these guidelines will be returned without review.

APA format must be used for citations and references

1. Specific Aims/Purposes
 - a. State the overall objective or long-term goal of the proposed research; the specific aims/purposes; and the research questions and/or hypotheses addressed
2. Background and Significance

- a. Review the most significant previous work and current status of research in the field related to the problem under investigation. Identify interrelationships of the purpose, literature, and variables.
- b. Identify how your study will fill knowledge gaps. Describe the theoretical significance of the proposed research and its potential for nursing application.
3. Method
 - a. Research Design
 - b. Sample/Subjects
 - c. Measures/Instruments/Methods of Data Collection
 - d. Procedures for Data Collection
 - e. Plan(s) for Data Analysis
 - f. Limitations or potential difficulties in design or methods
 - g. 12-Month Time Frame/Schedule of Activities: Justify that the project can be completed within the time frame.
4. Human Subjects Protection: Describe and substantiate process for protection of human subjects.
5. Facilities/Resources and Collaborative Arrangements: Describe the facilities and resources available for the conduct of the project. Indicate if consultative support is required and include documentation of need plus Letter(s) of Agreement and Biographical Sketch(es) in Appendices.

Appendices

1. Letters of Support, Access, Collaboration
Attach no more than seven (7) letters of support from individuals responsible for access to potential subjects and other resources in settings where the study is conducted. All letters of support must be attached with the proposal. Letters sent separately will not be honored.
Include:
 - a. appropriate letters of support from cooperating agencies
 - b. letter from major professor/adviser, if applicable
2. NIH Biographical Sketches for co-investigators, major professor/advisor, and/or consultants, if applicable
3. Documentation of Human Subjects Review
 - a. If applicable, attach a letter from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) verifying that the project has been reviewed and approved. If the project has not yet been reviewed, give the anticipated date of review. Documentation of the approval is required prior to receipt of the grant.
4. Measures/Instruments
 - a. A copy of all instruments should be attached. If an instrument is not in the public domain, include documentation of permission to use the instrument