

Template for Grants 101 Workshop (Fall 2020)

What does your project/study aim to do? (AIMS/GOALS)

- What will we know at the end of your study that we don't know now?

How is your proposed research valuable? (SIGNIFICANCE)

- Why is it important?
- How will it advance knowledge?
- How will it move your field forward?
- How will it help [the world, the nation, specific groups]

What foundations are you resting your study on? (BACKGROUND)

- What do we know already AND what GAPS exist in our prior knowledge?
- How will your study close or address gaps in the literature or methodology?
- What preliminary data/evidence do you have?

How is it proposed research innovative? (INNOVATION)

- How it will differ from previous research - new focus, theoretical concepts, novel strategies

How will you carry out your proposed study? (METHODS)

- Sample or equivalent (provide details)
- Procedures (enough for someone to get the gist of what you intend to do)
- Materials and equipment (generally be brief but some fields might want more detail or equipment may be in budget justification)
- What barriers might prevent you from accomplishing goals? Address workarounds

Who will carry out the study? (TEAM)

- Who are key players on the team?
- What are their areas of expertise?
- How do these areas complement each other?
- Are all features of your proposed work plan conducive to success with this team - i.e., have you neglected any areas, have requisite expertise for each component you propose?
- What evidence do you have that your team will work well together and accomplish goals?

How feasible are your goals to accomplish? (TIMELINE, BUDGET)

- What resources do you need to carry out the project?
- How will you allocate tasks across the lifespan of the grant?
- Have you given your team enough time to accomplish work plan tasks?
- Who will do what?
- How will snafus be handled?