

How to Write a Grant Application



People, People, People

- Work with colleagues who are genuinely interested in the proposal and can see its value. **Choose these people well.**
- Get a fresh pair of eyes to look at the content.
- Colleagues who spend a lot of time on it **will make you feel more supported and more confident.**



What is Special about My Project?

- Many researchers often do not spend enough time describing the background to their project in a relevant way.
- Why is my project different from others? What has been done before on the topic?
- So, be realistic about what can be done with your results and conclusions; **being a little optimistic is much better than exaggeration.**



Methods

- This is the most important part of the application. **It is better to say too much than too little, depending on space restrictions.**
- Be clear about how you will get the participants for the study.
- Writing in simple language will always help reviewers.



How Much Will the Project Cost?

- Some researchers think that funding organizations have a bottomless pit of money. **This is never the case.**
- Specify all the items.



Are the Reviewers & Funding Committee ‘Out to Get Me’?

- The answer is absolutely not! **The reviewers and committee have a duty to make sure the limited money available is well spent.**
- Try to read any negative comments from their point of view.



Don't Be Put Off by Rejection

- Almost every researcher, no matter how well-established and experienced, has had applications rejected. **And there is no such thing as the perfect study or application.**
- Address any comments or criticisms before applying for the next one.