

Grant Writing:

A Workshop for Graduate Students

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Types of Grants for Which Graduate Students Might Apply

- **Research**
 - To support thesis or dissertation research
 - To support other research
- **Fellowship**
 - To support doctoral study
 - To support postdoctoral study
- **Program**
 - To support instructional delivery
 - To support service or outreach
- **Travel**

Internal Sources of Funding

Check the eligibility guidelines:

Faculty

Graduate

Undergraduate

University and GSS Resources

- **Student Enhancement Awards**
 - Direct project costs for research
 - Conference travel to present research findings
- **Graduate Student Senate Original Work Grants**
- **Graduate Student Senate Travel Grant**



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Patton College Resources

- **Graduate Study and Educational Research Fund**
 - Doctoral dissertation research
 - Other research
- **Student Travel Grants**

External Sources

Federal

Department
of Education

National Science
Foundation

State

Ohio Dept.
of Education

Ohio Board
of Regents

Foundations

Jennings
Spencer



What RFPs Typically Include

- Justification
- Objectives (or research questions or outcomes or products or deliverables)
- Activities
- Management plan
- Organizational and/or individual capacity statement
- Budget and budget narrative



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Justifying a Request for Funding

- **Research**
 - The study will provide findings that will improve practice or policy.
 - The study is new.
 - The study fills a significant gap in the existing literature.
- **Fellowship**
 - You are a promising scholar.
 - You will do important thesis/dissertation research.
- **Program**
 - The instruction will serve an important need.
 - The outreach or service will benefit others in significant ways.
- **Travel**
 - You will be reporting on important research.
 - You will be participating in an important event.

Library Resources

- ALICE
- OhioLINK
- InfoTree
 - Education Full Text
 - ERIC
 - Education Journals (JSTOR)



Objectives or Outcomes or Research Questions or Products or Deliverables

- Your grant proposal must address significant needs. Objectives (outcomes, research questions, products, or deliverables) specify those needs.
- Describe objectives, outcomes, research questions, products, or deliverables based on what the RFP asks.

Activities

- Justification = Why?
- Objective = What?
- Activities = How?



Examples of Activities

- **Research**
 - Conduct interviews
 - Develop testing instruments
- **Fellowship**
 - Write thesis or dissertation
 - Support internship or student teaching
- **Program**
 - Hire tutors
 - Purchase software and hire trainer
- **Travel**
 - Conference presentation
 - Mileage to study site



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Management Plan

- Who are the key personnel?
 - Who will do what?
- What is the time frame?
 - Will you subcontract?
- Does the sponsor require outside evaluation? Reporting?



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Organizational or Individual Capacity Statement

- **What are your qualifications?**
 - Academic background
 - Prior projects
 - Prior publications
- **What are your organization's capabilities?**
 - Key personnel
 - Track record—prior projects, prior funding
 - Resources



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Budget

- Must be keyed to activities
- Develop line item(s) for each activity
- Use Excel



Research Budget

- **Conduct interviews**
 - Interviewers @ \$___/hr for ___ hrs each
 - Audio/video equipment
 - Transcription service
- **Develop testing instruments**
 - Research assistants @ \$___/hr for ___ hrs each
 - Materials and supplies
 - Payment to test subjects



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Fellowship Budget

- Time period for activities covered
- Tuition
- Living expenses



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Program Budget

- Tutors @ \$___/hr for ___ hrs each
- Software site license for ___ users @ \$___ each
- Trainer for ___ days @ \$___ per day



Travel Budget

- Round-trip airfare to _____
- ___ nights hotel stay @ \$___ per night
- ___ miles @ \$___ per mile
- Per diem @ \$___ for ___ days



Budget Approval

- College
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP)
- Ideally, allow 2 weeks for upload to LEO system, review, and approval

Linkages

Objectives

Activities

Budget



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Other Grant-Finding Resources

- Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN)
- Foundation Directory Online
- Grant Advisor Plus
- Grants.gov
- Ohio University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP)



For More Help

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