Pre-Proposal Tips

- **Start searches for funding early;** 6 to 12 months before you need the funds

- **Have a Plan** – What are your Goals and Objectives? (Objectives are the steps to accomplish your goals)

- **Search** for Programs that Match Your Goals and Obtain Program Guidelines

- **Contact** (Call & Email) the Funding Agency Program Officer/Coordinator ASAP
Proposal Tips

- **Contact** Your College’s OSPA Contact Person to Find out SIUC Requirements

- **Follow the Guidelines** in the Request for Proposals (RFP) as they are written (Set a Time Schedule!!!)

- **Consider the Reviewer** as you write about what you want to do (their background, their time, their level of patience)

- **Write Your proposal** so that You will be Understood by the Reviewer
Proposal Tips (cont.)

- **Prior to Submission**, Have Proposal Reviewed
  - Find an English Major
  - SIUC Writing Center ([www.write.siuc.edu](http://www.write.siuc.edu))

- **Revise Proposal**
  ("If it’s not done twice, it’s not done right.")

- **Prepare** Your Budget

- **Check in** with Your OSPA Contact
Proposal Tips (cont.)

- **Complete** required SIUC/OSPA Forms

- **If Necessary:** Complete Your Literature Review, Letters of Support, and Resume/CV, **and** Initiate Human Subjects or Animal Care Review

- **Obtain** College/Dept. Signatures & Submit to OSPA

- **Submit** Proposal to Funding Agency
Funding Opportunities

- **Community of Science** - [www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com)

- **Foundations/Corporations/Associations**
  - American Cancer Society, Microsoft, Assoc. for Women Journalists, etc.
  - Check with faculty

- **Google**: “Funding for......” or “Grants for......”

- **Grants.gov** - [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
  - Agency websites: NSF, NIH, USEd, USDA

- **SIUC**
  - [Internal Funding](#)
  - [External Funding](#)
RFPs & Grant Guidelines

- SF424 Guide for NIH and other PHS Agencies
- NSF Grant Proposal Guide, NSF 11-1
- Agency website for Individual RFP
- Contact Agency Program Officer