



# Grad Student Grant Writing Workshop

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## Pre-Proposal Tips

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- **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

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- **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.)

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- **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  
(<http://www.ospa.siu.edu/apply/budget-preparation/index.html>)
- **Check in** with Your OSPA Contact

## Proposal Tips (cont.)

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- **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

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- **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

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