Chapter 6.3 How to write a successful grant application for a research study

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Further reading

1. Browning BA. Grant Writing For Dummies (6th edition). Hoboken, USA: John Wiley & Sons. 2016.

    Summary of this document: Health EDRM often requires grants, and *For Dummies* reference books provide plain-language guides for unfamiliar readers.

    In this *For Dummies* reference book, the author provides introductory guidance on locating, applying for, and receiving grants. It outlines the general steps for locating private and public grants, writing effective applications, and managing applications. The book provides sample applications, letters, and budgets for researcher reference. As with all *For Dummies* books, the book also includes a "The Part of Tens" section consisting of short tip sheets for quick reference.

2. Gitlin LN, Lyons KJ. Successful grant writing: strategies for health and human service professionals (4th edition). New York, USA: Springer Publishing Company. 2014.

    Summary of this document: Securing grant funding is important for Health EDRM research projects but applying for health research grants often differs from the applications processes of other fields.

    In this textbook, the authors provide guidance on preparing successful grant applications for health and human service research professionals. The book presents a step-by-step overview of grant applications, starting from identifying competitive ideas to post-award funding management. The book emphasizes the importance of developing a career plan and organization when preparing grants. The authors also conclude that teamwork skills and an ability to handle constructive feedback are critical for a grant applicant's long-term success.

3. Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Guidebook For New Principal Investigators: Advice on Applying for a Grant, Writing Papers, Setting up a Research Team and Managing Your Time. 2013. http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27491.html (accessed 22 February 2022).

    Summary of this document: Principal investigators (PI) must not only secure and manage grant funding but must also lead grant-funded projects. Guidance from more experienced researchers may be helpful for junior PIs.

    In this guidebook, principal investigators from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research provide tips on preparing grant applications as a PI, writing papers, managing a research team, and managing time. It provides tips on preparing successful grants, starting from creating an internal peer review panel to applying for funding. It also provides advice on connecting with previous research supervisors and troubleshooting failed applications. The guidebook also provides tips on preparing high-quality papers and managing different laboratory personnel (e.g., graduate students

and technicians). Finally, the guidebook concludes with advice on PI time management and balancing work-life priorities.

4. Balcazar FE, Suarez-Balcazar Y. Writing Grants to Fund Research and Programs. In: Viola KK, Glantsman O, editors. Diverse Carerrs in Community Psychology. New York, USA: Oxford University Press. 2017.

   Summary of this document: Health EDRM research often involves community-based psychosocial research projects. Securing funding for these projects can greatly contribute to psychosocial support interventions available to disaster-affected communities.

   In this book chapter, the authors provide guidance on writing grants from a community psychologist's perspective. It reviews main grant types and funding sources. It then provides an in-depth description of 12 principles to follow when writing competitive grant applications. The authors emphasize the importance of grant-writing practice and learning from feedback. This chapter also includes a list of further readings and resources for readers to consult.