ORED
Revision
Awards and
Resubmission
Tips

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ORED Revision Awards

Purpose

• Enhance the competitiveness of UNL faculty revising and resubmitting proposals for federal funding

• Developmental and/or financial support to help improve meritorious, but previously unfunded proposals that are eligible for resubmission to the same funding program

Rationale

• Access to expert advice and/or financial resources will enable investigators to address reviewers’ concerns in their revised application; thereby, increasing the likelihood the proposal will be funded
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Award Categories

• Category 1 proposals may request up to $25,000 to support revision of grant proposals requesting $250,000 – $500,000 in federal grant support

• Category 2 proposals may request up to $50,000 for revision of grant proposals requesting more than $500,000 in federal grant support

Project Period

• No more than 12 months in duration
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Pre-submission Consultation Required

• Contact Nathan Meier, assistant vice chancellor for research (nlm@unl.edu or 402-472-3902) prior to submitting an application

Application Process

• Applications accepted on a rolling deadline
• PI must provide notification of intent to submit at least two weeks prior to submitting the proposal
• Application content is essentially: 1) proposal that will be revised as originally submitted along with panel review comments, 2) five-page proposal describing the planned revision, 3) budget; and 4) revision timeline
General Resubmission Tips

• Most grant proposals (i.e., 75%-90%) are rejected on first submission
• Resubmission is an opportunity to fine tune your idea, emphasize identified strengths, address concerns, and include more relevant detail
• Resubmission success rates are higher across nearly all federal agencies
• Take review panel feedback seriously, particularly the summary from the program officer
• Talk with the program officer – in person if possible
• Make a go/no-go decision on resubmission
  – Can the criticisms be addressed?
  – Would you be better off seeking funding from a different program or sponsor?
Tips for Resubmission to NSF

• At NSF there is no formal mechanism for resubmission – all applications are viewed as new, so you will not have an opportunity to directly address reviewer comments
• The review panel might be the same or it might not; NSF does not disclose reviewer names
• NSF program officers seat the panels and most appreciate you completing the List of Suggested Reviewers, a component of the Fastlane application – think twice before suggesting reviewers not to include
• Regardless, educate yourself on the likely expertise of the panel and write to that audience
• Ask a colleague who has experience with NSF for advice and to review your proposal
• Utilize internal resources to help you prepare the most competitive proposal possible
Tips for Resubmission to USDA NIFA AFRI

• READ the RFA/solicitation or check the website for guidelines!
• Project Directors MUST respond to the previous review panel summary
  – Limit of one page--in front of the Project Narrative
  – Does not count against the 18 page limit of the Project Narrative
  – Title this page “Response to Previous Review”
  – Must contain previous proposal number in the first line
• Discuss the Panel Summary and your response with NIFA NPL
• The review panel might be the same or it might not; NIFA does not disclose reviewer names.
• Revised/resubmitted applications compete with new applications
• Same evaluation criteria are used for new and resubmitted applications
• Ask a colleague who has experience with USDA NIFA AFRI for advice and to review your proposal
• Internal resources to help prepare the most competitive proposal possible
Tips for Resubmission to NIH

- READ the FOA or check the website for guidelines!
- NIH policy on resubmissions has evolved since 1996
- 2014 NIH policy on resubmissions (NOT-OD-14-074)
- Only allowed one resubmission for each new, unfunded application
- Must resubmit within 37 months of the application it follows
- If resubmission is not successful, submit the idea as a NEW application
- May submit unfunded, new application as NEW again (without resubmission)
- Resubmitted application number will end with A1(amended)

- https://grants.nih.gov/grants/history-of-resub-applications.htm
Tips for Resubmission to NIH

• READ the FOA or check the website for guidelines!
• Include an **Introduction** that:
  – Summarizes substantial additions/deletions/changes to application
    • Individual changes do not need to be identified within other sections of the application (e.g., do not need to bold or italicize changes in Research Strategy)
  – Responds to issues and criticisms raised in the summary statement
  – One page or less (unless specified in FOA or on NIH website)

• https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/amendedapps.htm
Tips for Resubmission to NIH

• Discuss the Panel Summary and your response with NIH Institute/Center scientific contact (not the SRO for the study section/review panel)
• The study section might be the same or it might not
• NIH discloses reviewer names with reviews and on website
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Revising/Resubmitting Manuscripts or Grant Applications

Three Key Things to Remember

1. It’s A Small World

2. Reviewers have long memories

3. 1st submission = good effort
   2nd submission = stronger effort
   3rd submission = stronger effort, likely winner
Panel:

• Dipti Dev
  – Assistant Professor; Child, Youth and Family Studies

• Samodha Fernando
  – Associate Professor; Animal Science

• Sherri Jones
  – Chair, Special Education and Communications Disorders
    Director, Barkley Memorial Center

• Matt Wiebe
  – Associate Professor; School of Veterinary Medicine &
    Biomedical Sciences & Nebraska Center for Virology
Questions?