

## Sample of Web Sites for Grant-Writing Advice: NIH and Foundations

### NIH

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/resources.htm> - NIH's Resources for Grant Applicants:

- [Getting Started at NIH](#) - Useful Links from the NIH and Related Web sites
- [Grant Writing Tips Sheets](#) - Links to Web sites with grant writing tips
- [Glossary of NIH Terms](#) - Definitions of NIH terms
- [NIH Acronym List](#) - Full Names of NIH acronyms and abbreviations
- [Information For New Grantees](#) - NIH "Welcome Wagon" Letter"
- [OER Outreach Activities](#) - Workshops, Seminars, Information Sources and Professional Societies

### Types of NIH Grant Programs

[http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding\\_program.htm](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding_program.htm)

Gives a summary of each mechanism - lots of information.

### Forms, Applications, and Instructions for NIH Grant Applications

*Forms for all research grants*

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>

*NIH standard receipt dates*

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/dates.htm>

[For AHRQ, see <http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/appdates.htm>]

NIH's Center for Scientific Review's video of a mock review: Video on Peer Review at NIH <http://www.csr.nih.gov/Video/Video.asp> =

The Center for Scientific Review has produced a video of a mock study section meeting to provide an inside look at how NIH grant applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. The video shows how outside experts assess applications and how review meetings are conducted to ensure fairness. The video also includes information on what applicants can do to improve the chances their applications will receive a positive review.

### **Advice from Other Agencies or Specific Institutes**

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)



[http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.GRANT\\_PROPOSAL\\_DYN.show](http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.GRANT_PROPOSAL_DYN.show) -

general advice and suggestions for procedure when dealing with governmental agencies.

National Cancer Institute

<http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/extra/extdocs/gntapp.htm> - very good overall advice on every stage of grant writing but also discussions of assurance pages and some of the more baffling pages that go into federal grants.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/ncn/grants/default.htm> - "All about Grants" tutorials on every aspect of grant writing. Very good advice and information. It says it is to help "biomedical investigators, especially new ones, plan, write, and apply for the basic NIH research project grant , the R01 . Our advice comes from the experience of NIAID staff, including former NIH grantees, and should be considered as opinion only. Differing opinions may exist."

## **FOUNDATIONS**

### **Foundation Center**

<http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html> = the Foundation Center's "Learning Lab" page for the proposal writing short course. The Foundation Center is a respected organization for foundation funding information of any sort: they have 5 or 6 sites around the country and local affiliations with libraries, associations, etc., that carry their materials - e.g., the Central Phoenix Public Library. They also have workshops on various aspects of grant writing in different cities.

**W. K. Kellogg Foundation:** *W. K. Kellogg Foundation Evaluation Handbook*

<http://www.wkkf.org/Pubs/Tools/Evaluation/Pub770.pdf> - (116 pp): This handbook provides a framework for thinking about evaluation as a relevant and useful program

tool. It was written primarily for project directors who have direct responsibility for the ongoing evaluation of W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded projects.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: *Research Guidance***

<http://www.rwjf.org/research/toolsresources.jhtml>

For grantees and others who need to perform a research-related task — but want guidance about our standards — The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation presents these resources, tools and tips. Two documents:

• *A Guide to Evaluation Primers*

Produced by the Association for the Study and Development of Community (ASDC) for The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this document offers an orientation to handbooks and basic primers on evaluation. These resources are designed to meet the needs of the non-expert.

This report is an orientation guide to some handbooks and basic primers (introductory pieces) on program evaluation. These are not the academic texts; several of those are recommended at the end of this paper. Instead, these primers are directed toward the nonexpert, explaining some of the central issues in evaluation and why they are important.

• *Planning and Using Survey Research Projects*

Survey research can be a powerful tool. This document, prepared by Diane Colasanto, Ph.D., of Princeton Survey Research Associates (PSRA), is intended for a general audience. If you want advice on designing your survey or hiring a survey expert, start here. . . .

**SchoolGrants**

[http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant\\_tips.htm](http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant_tips.htm) : SchoolGrants does K-12, but their section of grants "tips" is solid and applies most grants; very down to earth; they also have samples of successful grant applications. Poke around on the clicky things they list on that page.