



Tips from the Internal Grant Review Committee

The Foundation offers a very competitive funding process, and attention to all of the following recommendations will enhance your chance for success.

Background and Project Design

- Present a clearly formulated hypothesis and a lucid research question indicating population, intervention/exposure, outcome, and type of study.
- Specify and justify the primary and secondary outcomes, how, when and by whom they will be measured.
- Provide a concise background outlining the scope of the problem to be researched, the current knowledge gap, and how this study will improve care. Give clear rationale for the study.
- Provide sufficiently detailed methods so that the study can be replicated.
- Outline a careful analysis plan.
- Include a sample size, a power calculation and an honest estimate of the number of subjects that can be recruited in the time required. If you do not have these, explain why.
- Discuss limitations.
- Discuss potential sources of bias, and indicate approaches to mitigate risk of bias, wherever relevant.
- Show how the results will fit into a larger picture (providing incremental knowledge in a field, filling a knowledge gap, leading to future directions, informing a guideline, etc.).
- Indicate realistic deliverables in a realistic time frame.

Budget

- Personnel salaries should clearly outline their duties and commitment to the study.
- The budget must include thorough justification for requested funds and must be reasonable. All items are funded at the discretion of the committee.

Other

- Where animal models are to be used as human surrogate present evidence of applicability of the animal model.
- Offer partnered efforts or leveraged funding when possible, to illustrate commitment to the study.
- Do not make unsubstantiated claims.
- Proofread the final draft to eliminate spelling mistakes, grammatical errors, and punctuation errors. Ensure consistency in terminology and use of references.