

# "Lending Library"

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- [Agency Models for Introduction and Background](#) (April 2015) – Capture the attention of your readers early.
- [Avoid the Cognitive Tax on Your Proposal Narrative](#) (February 2014) - Make it so your reader understands you!
- [Avoid Common Proposal Figure Mistakes](#) (August 2014) - Learn what kinds of figures make a proposal harder to read and digest.
- [Avoid the Generic Introduction](#) (July 2012) - Make your reviewer want to read more!
- [Ambiguity in Narratives](#) (August 2012) - It's insidious and creeps in - get rid of it!
- [The Background Researcher on Proposals](#) (February 2013) - Why you should read the literature cited in proposal solicitations.
- [Big Changes in STEM Education Funding](#) (June 2013) – a description of the NSTC's 5-year Strategic Plan and potential impacts on funding opportunities.
- [Broader Impacts and Evidence-Based Models](#) (June 2015) - Thoughts on effective and interesting broader impacts.
- [CAREER Heads Up: Don't Let This Happen to You!](#) (June 2015) - Hints to be sure your proposal is compliant with the new guidelines.
- [Clarity in the Research Narrative](#) (July 2015) – Writing isn't clear? Don't fund.
- [Confessions of a Grumpy Reviewer](#) (June 2015) - A lesson on how to irritate your reviewer.
- [Don't Bury the Lead](#) (July 2015) – What goes into that all-important first page?
- [Explaining the State of the Art](#) (July 2015) – Tips for writing your proposal's background statement or lit review.
- [The Dictionary of Common NSF Usage](#) (February 2013) - Shows you how to refine your proposal language to edge out the competition.
- [From Silos To Synergy: The Yellow Brick Road of Grant Writing](#) (December 2012) – Writing the successful collaborative proposal.
- [Funding Favors the Strategically Prepared](#) (February 2014) Build a plan for funding success!
- [Getting the Writing Right](#) (April 2013) - Get fresh eyes to read and critique your proposals.
- [Going From Research Ideas to Research Dollars](#) (June 2013) – Critical touchstones that will transform your ideas into funded projects.
- [Grant Writer's Checklist](#) (September 2013) – A checklist for good writing and good content.
- [How Proposals are Reviewed by NSF, NIH, DoED, and DOE](#) (June 2013) – When you understand the review process, you write a better proposal!
- [Implicit Requirements: Dark Matter of the Research Solicitation](#) (August 2015) – There's more than meets the eye – understanding the funding solicitation.
- [Importance of the Practice Proposal](#) (July 2013) – Practice, practice, practice – you get better.
- [Interviewing Schrödinger's Cat](#) (August 2012) – the role of Ambiguity in proposal narratives.
- [Make Your Case for Value-Added Benefits](#) (August 2015) – What's important to the funders?
- [The Myth That Agencies Fund Good Ideas](#) (May 2015) - Or how to market your idea to support funders.
- [New NSF EHR Programs: EHR Core, IUSE, and REAL](#) (December 2013) - What are the differences between these education research programs?
- [No Squishy Commitments or Weasel Clauses](#) (March 2013) - Guidance for writing the most compelling letters of support or commitment.
- [No Tweaking, No Nudging, No Band-Aids, Please](#) (November 2012) – Resubmitting your proposal? Revise thoughtfully!
- [NSF Crosscutting and Interdisciplinary Programs](#) (August 2014) - Some strategies for handling your interdisciplinary project proposal when no single program seems to fit.
- [NSF Ferrets Out and Punishes Research Misconduct](#) - (June 2014) - Why does OSP and Sponsored Accounting always question everything?? Or, how stupid can people be?? This article will give you a glimpse of the work of the Office of the Inspector General, and the processes universities have in place to ensure the ethical and intelligent conduct of research.
- [NSF's Perp Walk for Plagiarism](#) (June 2015) - Sad, but true.
- [Optimizing the Proposal Planning Process](#) (December 2012) - How to determine if you have the time to prepare a competitive proposal.
- [An Overview of IARPA](#) (June 2012) – the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity funder.
- [Proportionality and Sequence in the Project Narrative](#) (March 2013) - Writing the narrative is tricky – how to make the most of your proposal real estate.
- [Psychology and the Reviewer](#) (March 2015) - Will your reviewer look forward to reading your proposal? Or expect a long, hard slog?
- [Quantifying the Project Narrative](#) (April 2013) – Give your proposal punch with well placed data! .
- [Red Teaming: Scalable, Adaptable, and Versatile](#) (May 2013) – Tap your colleagues to better understand a solicitation and create a better proposal.
- [Red Teaming the Solicitation](#) (July 2012) - Use the face-to-face crowd to help focus the call for proposals!.
- [A Research Professional's Grant Writing Elevator Speech](#) (November 2013) Be ready for that fleeting moment!
- [Restoring The Research Foundation](#) (October 2014) why research investment is critical to our economic prosperity. .
- [The Role of Context in a Successful Proposal](#) (November 2012) – Addressing the impact of your project on your discipline and to the agency's mission. .
- [Time to Get Started on Your NSF CAREER Proposal](#) (March 2013) - Do it now! Advice for the CAREER writer.
- [The Too Kind Program Officer](#) (February 2013) - Program officers want to encourage; proposers are eager to be funded - A caution to listen critically to the careful language of program officers and hear what they cannot say.
- [Too Much Data?](#) (September 2012) – Data is good, but don't obscure your message.
- [Update on Funding for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences at NSF](#) - The SBE total budget is not large, so it pays to know what the agency's priorities, goals, and strategies are for the immediate future.
- [Using Databases of Previous Awards to Understand What Funders Want](#) (June 2014) a necessary step to matching your project to a program.

- [What is Big Data and How to Fund it](#) (October 2014) Links to current solicitations and programs.
- [What NSF Expects to See in Your Narrative](#) (July 2015) – Doing your homework to get that proposal funded.
- [Why Formatting Matters, Part 1](#) (November 2012) – Sage advice on how to convey more information using formatting and graphics.
- [Why Formatting Matters, Part 2](#) (December 2012) – More sage advice on how to convey more information using formatting and graphics.
- [Why Halloween is Bad for Proposals, Part 3](#) (June 2012) – Make sure your research ideas are not disguised by these masks.
- [Why Halloween is Bad for Proposals, Part 4](#) (July 2012) - More disguises.
- [Why Halloween is Bad for Proposals, Part 5](#) (August 2012) - More disguises.
- [Why Halloween is Bad for Proposals, Part 6](#) (September 2012) - More disguises.
- [Writing as a Team](#) (April 2015) – Hints for a successful interdisciplinary proposal.