



# Health Colleges Research Services

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### **FINDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO FIT YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS**

By Erin Gorman

The University subscribes to helpful resources for finding grant funding opportunities, available to individuals with a valid NetID and Password. The Office of Planning and Budgets offers access to [MSU Scholars](#), which is an Academic Analytics tool. Once you [login](#) to the online tool, you can add your research interests and various keywords to assist you in finding funding opportunities. Next, select [Browse All Funding Opportunities](#) to narrow your search by sponsor, funding type, career stage, funding category, deadline date, dollar amount, location and submission type (limited or not limited).

MSU [Libraries](#) offers the [Foundation Directory Online](#) database resource, which provides access to detailed profiles on over 228,000 private and corporate foundations, corporate giving programs, grantmaking public charities, and federal agency funders. The [staff librarians](#) are available to assist by phone, email or online chat. As a reminder, if you are not currently signed up for communications related to NIH or DoD funding opportunities, you can join the NIH [listserv](#) to sign up for weekly NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices email (referred to as the NIH Guide TOC). You can also [subscribe](#) to the DoD Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs funding opportunities communications. These tools ensure you receive email notification as soon as a funding opportunity is announced.

### **CONSIDREATIONS FOR NIH RESEARCH PLAN**

By Jourden VanArsdall

The Office of Extramural Research recently posted a [podcast](#) with program officers Dr. Lillian Kuo and Dr. Kentner Singleton discussing tips for writing strong Specific Aims and Research Strategy documents in R01, R03 and, R21 grant applications.

**DOs:** The one-page Specific Aims document is the most read and distributed part of the grant application.

Developing the Specific Aims first can help you sell your science to the readers and build a story to achieve the goals of the scientific question. Also keep in mind the Research Strategy needs to be easily understood so anyone in the field can read and grasp what you are proposing.

**DON'Ts:** Do not assume that reviewers are aware of the past published work. If it is vital, include it in the application. In the Aims, be sure to address how data will be analyzed, assessed, and addressed and not focus solely on data acquisition. Lastly, don't assume the significance is apparent to the reviewer.

As you are writing your grant application, be sure to utilize the program officer and mentors within your field for their advice and feedback.

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## **REMINDER: CHANGES TO NIH BIOSKETCH & OTHER SUPPORT**

By Theresa Couch

Earlier this month, HCRS sent a memo regarding upcoming changes to the NIH biographical sketch and other support templates taking effect May 25, 2021. The changes apply to applications, just-in-time submissions, and RPPRs.

The most significant change to the biographical sketch is the removal of Section D, Research Support. Ongoing and completed research can be included in Section A, Personal Statement. The changes in format will be incorporated in [SciENcv](#) for applicants to easily transition to the new format. Find more information on the [biosketch webpage](#). A new template will be required for Other Support submissions. The new format separates funded projects from in-kind support and the document must be signed by the investigator. The template, instructions, and other information is available on the [other support webpage](#). Refer to [NOT-OD-21-073](#) for a full description of changes to the biographical sketch and other support.

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