

This document does not replace the NIH guidelines –please read the guidelines and solicitation thoroughly before preparing your proposal. This Funding Opportunity can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-504.html>, and the NIH SF424 Application Guide can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/forms-e/general-forms-e.pdf>.

The reviewers are generally asked to score relatively equitably (although it is left to reviewer discretion) on the following three criteria:

1. The science
2. Whether the funding will enhance the research environment at the university, and
3. Whether the grant will enhance student research, especially undergrads

This information needs to be established clearly in the research plans, resources and biosketches.

#### FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS FOR ATTACHMENTS

- PDF files only – file names are 50 characters or less and use only standard characters - A through Z, a through z, 0 through 9, underscore ( \_ ), hyphen (-), space ( ), and period (.). Do not use any other special characters (e.g., "&", "\*", "%", "/", or "#") in the file name.
- Margins are ½" all around.
- Font = black; Arial, Garamond, Georgia, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, Times New Roman, or Verdana typeface are recommended; size 11 or larger; must be no more than 15 characters per linear inch (including characters and spaces)
- Do not include headers or footers.
- Project Title – limited to 200 characters including spaces and punctuation; use only standard characters.
- Use section headings.

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS** - Shaded sections require a narrative attachment or text box entry. Samples and Templates for attachments are available on ORSP's website at <http://www.marquette.edu/orsp/ProposalWriting.shtml>

1. **Project Summary/Abstract** (no more than 30 lines): Provide a concise description of project objectives and methodologies suitable for dissemination to the public.
2. **Project Narrative** (3 sentences): Describe relevance of research to public health in lay terms.
3. **Bibliography & References Cited** (no page limit): Each reference must include the names of all authors, article and journal title, book title, vol#, pg.#, year of publication.
4. **Facilities and Other Resources** (no page limit):
  - a. Identify the facilities to be used (Laboratory, Animal, Computer, Office, Clinical and Other).
  - b. Describe only those resources that are directly applicable to the proposed work.
  - c. Also describe how the scientific environment will contribute to the probability of success of the project.
  - d. If there are multiple sites, describe resources available at each site.
  - e. Provide a profile of the students of the applicant school/academic component.
  - f. Describe special characteristics of the school/academic component that make it appropriate for an AREA grant with regard to:
    - i. Providing support for meritorious research
    - ii. Strengthening the research environment
    - iii. Exposing undergraduate and graduate students to strong research environments
5. **Equipment** (no page limit): Provide list of major equipment items already available. If appropriate, identify their locations and pertinent capabilities.
6. **Biosketches** (5 pages/person): Required for senior/key personnel and Other Significant Contributors
  - a. Include personal statement, positions and honors, contributions to science, and ongoing/completed research support from past three years.
  - b. Include personal statement, positions and honors, contributions to science (You may provide a URL to a full list of your published work. This URL must be to a Federal Government website (a .gov suffix). NIH recommends using My Bibliography.), and ongoing/completed research support from past three years. Mark which peer-reviewed publications involved students under your supervision.

- c. Include a summary of PI's previous and/or current experience in supervising students in research in the Personal Statement.
  - d. The PD(s)/PI(s) should indicate which peer-reviewed publications involved students under his or her supervision.
  - e. When citing articles that fall under the Public Access Policy (peer-reviewed, accepted for publication since April 7, 2008, and are a result of NIH funding) and were authored or co-authored by the applicant, provide the NIH Manuscript Submission reference number (e.g., NIHMS97531) or the PubMed Central (PMC) reference number (e.g., PMCID234567) for each article. If the PMCID is not yet available because the Journal submits articles directly to PMC on behalf of their authors, indicate "PMC Journal – In Process."
7. Budget Forms and Justification [**Note: ORSP liaison will create shell and route to faculty for editing.**]
  8. Cover Letter
  9. Assignment Request Form: this is a form page, available here - [http://www.marquette.edu/orsp/documents/PHSAssignmentRequestForm\\_April2016.pdf](http://www.marquette.edu/orsp/documents/PHSAssignmentRequestForm_April2016.pdf)
  10. Specific Aims (1 page): Concisely state goals and specific objectives of the proposed research and summarize expected outcomes, including the impact the results will exert on the research field.
  11. Research Strategy (12 pages): [**Must be organized in following order. Use section headings**]
    - a. Significance
    - b. Innovation
    - c. Approach
  12. Other Research Plan Sections [**Create separate attachments for each**]:
    - a. Vertebrate Animals - (if applicable, no page limit)
    - b. Select Agent Research – (if applicable, no page limit)
    - c. Multi PI Leadership Plan (if applicable, no page limit)
    - d. Consortium/Contractual Agreements - (if there is/are subcontractor(s)) ORSP will prepare
    - e. Letter(s) of Support – (if applicable) consortium and consultant letters
    - f. Resource and Model Organism Sharing Plans
      - i. Data sharing plan (1 paragraph): for project over \$500,000/yr direct costs
      - ii. Sharing model organisms (no page limit): only if the creation of a new mouse model is proposed. Outline a plan to make research findings available to qualified individuals within the scientific community.
    - g. Authentication of Key Resources Plan (if applicable, 1 page):
      - i. Briefly describe methods to ensure the identity and validity of key biological and/or chemical resources used in the proposed studies.
  13. Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information [**Create separate documents for each attachment**]:
    - a. If using biospecimens and no human subjects, explain why application does not involve human subjects research.
    - b. Study Record for each proposed study involving human subjects
      - i. Study Title (must be unique for each study record)
      - ii. Clinical Trial Questionnaire
    - c. Study Population Characteristics
      - i. Conditions or focus of study
      - ii. Study eligibility criteria
      - iii. Age limits (minimum and maximum)
      - iv. Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children (no page limit)
      - v. Recruitment and Retention Plan (no page limit)
      - vi. Recruitment Status (select not yet recruiting, recruiting, enrolling by invite, active, not recruiting, completed, suspended, terminated, withdrawn)
      - vii. Study Timeline (no page limit)
      - viii. Estimated date of Enrollment of First Subject
      - ix. Inclusion Enrollment Report – this is a form page, available here - [http://www.marquette.edu/orsp/documents/PHS-Inclusion-Enrollment-Report\\_April2016.pdf](http://www.marquette.edu/orsp/documents/PHS-Inclusion-Enrollment-Report_April2016.pdf)
    - d. Protection and Monitoring Plans

- i. Protection of Human Subjects (no page limit)
  - ii. Overall Structure of the Study Team (no page limit)
14. Introduction (1 page): if revision or resubmission, include an introduction detailing the reviewer comments addressed in the application.

**UNIVERSITY FORMS/SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Forms generated by ORSP when project title and budget are finalized and then routed to the faculty in order to obtain institutional review and approval (reviewed/signed by department chair and college dean and others making commitments, if any).**

1. Marquette University Proposal Registration Form
2. Disclosure of Financial Interests Form
3. ORSP Budget Form
4. List of all Project Sites
  - a. If collaborating with another site, a letter of intent, along with a scope of work and budget will need to be provided by the other institution.
5. List of all Key Personnel (those who contribute to the scientific development or execution of the project in a substantive, measurable way, whether or not salaries are requested)
  - a. Letters of support/verification of key personnel's commitment to the project should be given to ORSP
6. Letters of support/verification of commitment from any other Marquette resources needed