

Strategies and Tips for Getting Funded

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Background Work

- Start **early** (check deadlines and plan)
- Read **instructions** and attend help sections
- Read **selection criteria**
- Look at **previously funded** projects
- Think about **your research** and **fit** with call
- Identify **collaborators**
- **Discuss** with collaborators
- Decide if you are **committing** to it

Preparing Proposal Package

- Write well (clear, consistent,)
- Not just WHAT you are proposing but HOW? WHY?, SO WHAT?
- “Other” parts just as important as Proposal (see criteria)
- Make good use of allotted space and sections (e.g. budget explanation)
- Have completed but rough draft ready for review early
- Be receptive to feedback
- Commit to it and don’t give up!