



Building Mountains of Knowledge

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Sample Proposals

Looking at sample proposals can help you formulate ideas about your research. Here are three organized and detailed proposals:

Friends River Foundation

http://www2.rivernetnetwork.org/library/index.cfm?doc_id=119

Gill Foundation

http://www.gillfoundation.org/usr_doc/NashvilleCARES2.pdf

Urban Betterment

<http://web.archive.org/web/20010129093900/www.npguides.org/grant/grant1.htm>

Are You Asking the Right Questions?

The National Institute of Health (NIH) suggests asking yourself what is the significance of the research before submitting the proposal to a foundation. Does this study address an important problem? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge or clinical practice be advanced? What will be the effect of these studies on the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field? Asking these questions keeps your prospectus clear and focused. <http://www.nih.gov>

Innovation is Key

No one wants to read the same grant proposal 100 times. When submitting grant proposals to foundations get innovative. Is the project original? For example: Does the project challenge existing paradigms or clinical practice or address an innovative hypothesis or critical barrier to progress in the field? Does the project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches or methodologies, tools, or technologies for this area? Use new ideas and concepts to get your proposal noticed and funded.

-National Institute of Health

Proposals and Awards

In November, the following researchers submitted proposals or received awards:

Good luck!

Laura DeWald

Ronald W. Davis

Roseanna Belt

Judy Mallory

Sharon Metcalfe

Anna Fariello

Bruce Yarrington

Tonya Westbrook

Numbers in the News

	Month of November 2008		Year to Date (7/1/08 to Present)	
	Dollars	Number	Dollars	Number
Proposals received	\$2,913,323.90	6	\$9.6 Million	40
Awards received	\$226,226.00	2	\$2.8 Million	37
IRBs received	22		106	

Gates Foundation Expands Role

Bill and Melinda Gates' recent press conference (Nov. 21, 2008) explained major changes to their foundation's U.S. education grant making priorities. Major goals include guaranteeing 80% of high school students graduate completely prepared for college and doubling the number of young people with postsecondary degrees or earned certificates by the age of 26. <http://www.gatesfoundation.org>



REMEMBER: To ensure that the best possible proposal package is submitted for funding, it must be received by Research Administration **at least 5 days** before it is due to the sponsor. A special thanks goes to those researchers that met the deadline and helped us help them succeed! Proposals received by RA the day they are due to the sponsor run a **high risk of not being submitted**.

Meet the Team

Call For Submissions

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*Research and Development in the
Forensic Analysis of Trace Evi-
dence-LINK:

Solicitation [http://
www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/
sl000841.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000841.pdf)

*Forensic DNA Research and De-
velopment-LINK:

Solicitation [http://
www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/
sl000846.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000846.pdf)

*Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
Long Range Requirements Plan-
ning Studies-LINK:

FedBizOpps notice [https://
www.fbo.gov/?
s=opportunity&mode=form&id=9f
4e6c26255db25f56a25de5365bf1](https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=9f4e6c26255db25f56a25de5365bf1)

Funding Organizations in the Spotlight

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation's purpose is to improve the quality of life for the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and to strengthen the western North Carolina region. Since the foundation began making grants in 2002, it has awarded 375 grants totaling more than \$30.7 million. David Cozzo was recently awarded funding by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. David is currently the Project Director for the Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources.

<http://www.cherokeepreservationfdn.org>

The National Park Service helps communities across America preserve and enhance important local heritage and close-to-home recreational opportunities. Grants and assistance are offered to register, record and save historic places; create community parks and local recreation facilities; conserve rivers and streams, and develop trails and greenways.-National Park Service

Cheryl Johnston, assistant professor of anthropology and sociology, and Thomas Martin, associate professor of biology both received funding from the National Park Service. Johnston will be analyzing and documenting human remains from the museum collection of Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Ohio and Martin will be analyzing aquatic insect samples collected from high-elevation streams in Noland Creek watershed of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. <http://www.nps.gov>

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