

## ***Project Concept Paper for NIH-Supported Research***

*A Concept Paper may address any or all of these topics depending on how far you have thought through your project. The more information you can provide a Program Official, the better the advice you will receive in developing your application.*

- **Grant Purpose** Briefly, you want a grant from which institution/agency for a #-year period to do what? At what cost/level of effort?
- **Problem/Background** Explain why the literature/your research leads you to think this topic needs study.
- **Significance** What is the payoff to science AND to public health?
- **Question** Derived from the background literature, what model will guide your hypotheses and what hypotheses will you test?
- **Design** What is the study design that will enable testing your hypotheses? Sample/Power (N, age range, gender, race, selective characteristics), intervention, controls, measures, etc.
- **Analysis** What statistical approach will ensure a fair test based on your hypotheses?
- **Team** Who will be the key participants (co-investigators and organizations) on the project? Include mention of organizations whose cooperation you need to access subjects/data, and indicate if any have agreed in writing to participate.
- **Miscellaneous** *(Nice to know if you have gone this far)*
  - **Personal Qualifications**. Is your career stage & expertise appropriate to the size, scope, & technology of the project?
  - **Population Access**. Can you demonstrate access to the organizations and target respondent population?
  - **Logistics**. Can you demonstrate willingness to grant access to needed equipment, and laboratory and field sites
  - **Urgency**. Are you responding to an RFA or trying to initiate work withing a time-sensitive window?
  - **Overlap**. Have you checked CRISP and the refereed literature to minimize overlap with similar studies?

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