

Steps in Preparing a NIH Proposal

1. Choosing a topic
 - talking with lots of people to be sure of topic
2. Making sure there is a sound methodology that can be applied to topic
3. Review literature to:
 - a. identify all research done on topic
 - b. develop theories (ideally competing theories) focused on topic
4. Write introduction and lit review
5. Identify all variables that need to be measured (found in theories to be tested) and the statistical procedures to be used
6. Determine how to obtain the variables to be measured (e.g., mix methods)
7. Write methods section
8. Write all other sections required by funder