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Proposal Planning

Principal Investigator(s):

Date:

Email Address:

Tentative Title:

** Note: If your project title changes during proposal preparation, please let Sue Sheridan know.*

Response to RFA? YES NO

If yes:

Funding Agency and CFDA#:

Submission Deadline:

Electronic or Mail Submission:

URL for Application Package or Proposal Instructions (if available):

Human Subjects: _____ Yes _____ No

Estimated Project Period:

If no:

Nature of project (circle one):

Research
Proposal

Training
Grant

Career Development
Award

Implementation
Grant

Concept Paper

To best assist you in your grant writing activities, it is requested that you develop a concept paper describing your research ideas and plan. Please take a few moments to provide a summary of your intended research project (a guide to help in getting started is provided on the following page). In two to three paragraphs (or as much detail as you think is appropriate), please ***address the following key points***: (a) goal of project; (b) specific aims/objectives; (c) independent (or predictor) variables; (d) dependent variables; and (e) expected outcomes/benefits. In addition, please comment on the methodology that your project will use (i.e., correlational, experimental/quasi-experimental, single subject, qualitative, or mixed methods). Finally, let us know if there are specific areas where you could use additional assistance or collaboration (e.g., additional areas of expertise that would make your project more competitive). Thank you!

Send completed form and concept paper to
Susan M. Sheridan, ssheridan2@unl.edu or 216 MABL (0235)

Concept Paper for Grant-Funded Research

Thank you so much for your expressed interest in discussing your research idea with one of our Center staff members. We realize that some research ideas are more developed than others, and for that reason, your completion of this concept paper will help us to know how best to prepare for our meeting with you. Please feel free to provide as much detail as you think is appropriate, and please indicate areas where you might need additional assistance. Please complete and submit this paper to Sue Sheridan at ssheridan2@unl.edu to schedule a personal meeting regarding your project.

The **goal** of my research project is to....

The **specific aims** (or specific objectives) of my research project are to...

The **independent/predictor variable(s)** is(are)

The **dependent/outcome variable(s)** is(are)...

Mediating/moderating variables, if applicable and known...

What are the **expected outcomes** from this project?

What type of **research design** are you thinking about using in this project?

- large group
- random assignment
- small n
- correlational

Are there **other areas of expertise** (that you don't have) that would assist in making this project more competitive?