

# Grant Guru

## Phase 1 Review



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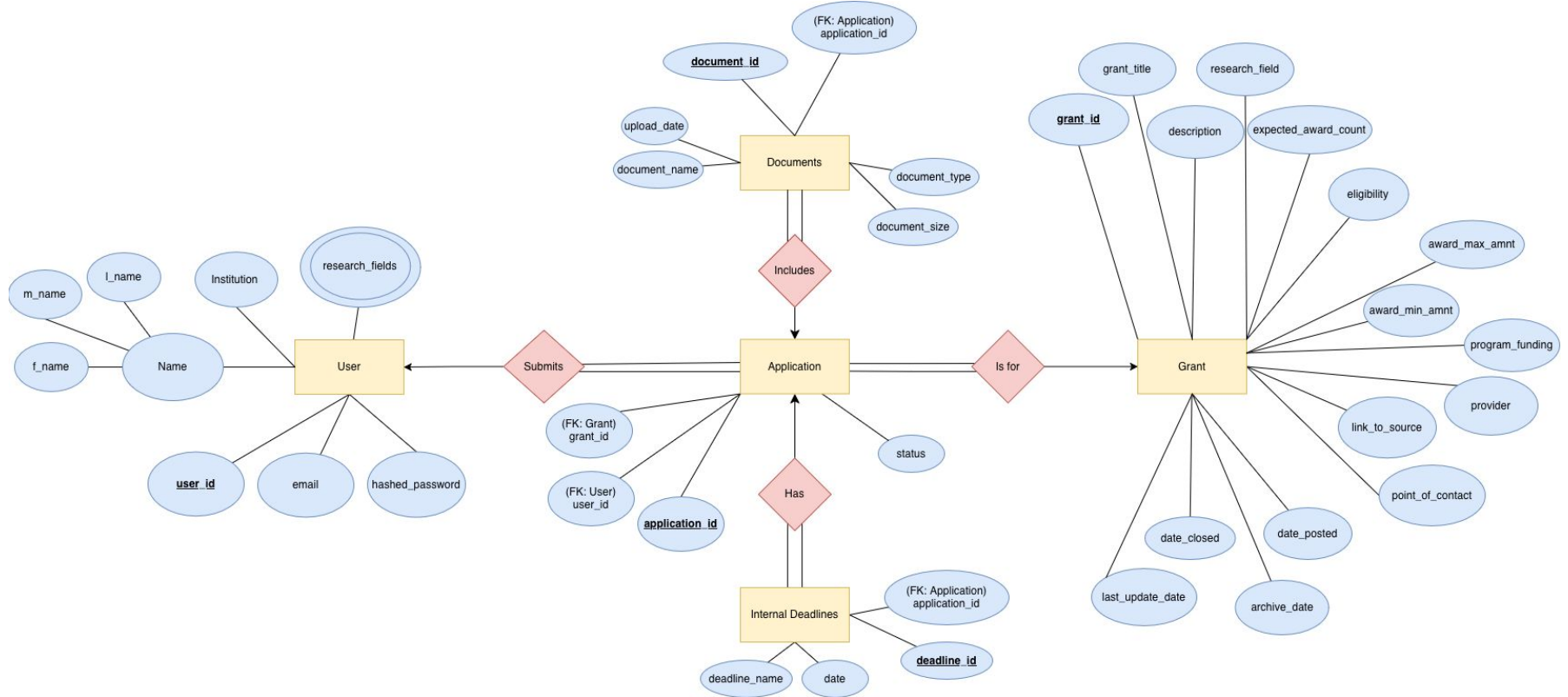
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- **BCNF (Determinants are Superkeys):** Every functional dependency has a superkey on the left-hand side, satisfying the requirements for BCNF.

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