Project Concept Paper for NIH-Supported Research

A Concept Paper may address <u>any or all</u> 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.

- **<u>Grant Purpose</u>** Briefly, you want a grant from which institution/agency for a #-year period to do what? At what cost/level of effort?

- **<u>Problem/Background</u>** Explain why the literature/your research leads you to think this topic needs study.

- **<u>Significance</u>** What is the payoff to science AND to public health?

- **<u>Question</u>** Derived from the background literature, what model will guide your hypotheses and what hypotheses will you test?

- **<u>Design</u>** What is the study design that will enable testing your hypotheses? Sample/Power (N, age range, gender, race, selective characteristics), intervention, controls, measures, etc.

- **<u>Analysis</u>** What statistical approach will ensure a fair test based on your hypotheses?

- **<u>Team</u>** 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.

- **<u>Miscellaneous</u>** *(Nice to know if you have gone this far)*

  - <u>Personal Qualifications</u>. Is your career stage & expertise appropriate to the size, scope, & technology of the project?
  - <u>Population Access</u>. Can you demonstrate access to the organizations and target respondent population?
  - <u>Logistics</u>. Can you demonstrate willingness to grant access to needed equipment, and laboratory and field sites
  - <u>Urgency</u>. Are you responding to an RFA or trying to initiate work withing a time-sensitive window?
  - <u>Overlap</u>. Have you checked CRISP and the refereed literature to minimize overlap with similar studies?

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