**OBJECTIVES:**
- To provide help for the MUSC investigators who are submitting extramural grant applications.
- To increase the quality of the extramural grant application submissions and success of getting them funded.

*Please note that SCTR is not liable if your application is not funded.*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**
- **Internal SCTR/MUSC Review**
  
  *SCTR will make decisions if an application should be sent out for an external expert review in case of limited or no relevant expertise within SCTR/MUSC.*
- NIH K-series, R-series, P-series, U-series, NSF applications
- **The application must be submitted to SCTR at least 6 weeks prior** to the time it has to be submitted to MUSC Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).
- Applicants should submit:
  - An application as requested by the appropriate funding agency via the SCTR Application System.
  - If the application is a resubmission, Summary Statements and Introduction to Resubmission are required.
  - Funding agency’s FOA/RFA, if applicable
  - Potential date of submission to the funding agency
- Once an application is submitted, the **applicant SHOULD notify Dayan Ranwala** via email. This is in order to properly process your application for review.
- Allow at least 2 weeks for the SCTR review.
- Applications should have the following Components as requested by the funding agency:
  - Project Description page
  - Research Proposal* – Including the Specific Aims page and Research Strategy
  - Literature Citations
  - Biosketches – all team members
  - Funding agency’s FOA/RFA, as applicable
  - Potential date of submission to the funding agency
- **SCTR will provide one to two peer-review critiques similar to the NIH reviews and biostat comments to the applicants.**
- If there are no major review critiques to be addressed, applicants will be informed to proceed with the application as appropriate.
- **SCTR will pay the internal reviewer $200 as an honorarium upon receipt of the critique.**

**FREE CONSULTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT**

The following free consultations are available from the SCTR Institute to help strengthen your pilot project (and other) applications. Visit [http://sparc.musc.edu](http://sparc.musc.edu) to view consult descriptions and request those of interest:
- Science Consults
- Biostatistics and Research Design
- Via SCTR SUCCESS Center: Budget & Justification Development, Regulatory, Recruitment Consults
- Self-service Research Data & Feasibility
- Community Engagement & Research
• Nexus Research Opportunities and Management
• Mobile Health and Novel Technologies
• Research Data Requests
• Intellectual Property and Commercialization Resources
• Collaborator Matching Assistance – Palmetto Profiles web page at https://profiles.healthsciencessc.org/profiles/search/ is a great resource for finding collaborators.

MUSC OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (ORD) RESOURCES:
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/research/ord/
• Internal and External Funding Opportunities Portal
• MUSC Boiler Plate
• Library of Successfully Funded Proposal Library at http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/research/ord/proposal-library/

MUSC ORSP RESOURCES:
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/research/orsp/
• Request for eRA Commons User IDs
• Proposal Preparation Information webpage (Codes & Numbers, F&A rates, Fringe rates, DUNS etc.)

OUTCOME OF THE SCTR REVIEW ASSISTANCE:
SCTR would like to know the outcome of the Review Assistance services provided to the applicants such as below. SCTR will send a REDCap Survey to the applicants to fill in the outcome data.
• The application status - submitted/pending funding/funding received etc.
• At 6 months and 12 months after submitting to the funding agency to receive an update about funding status/get funded/resubmitted etc.

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