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Proposal Preparation
NSF uses Peer-Review

READ the program announcement& respond to it

Submission deadlines are absolute; target dates are not

PI's should talk with Funding Agency and relevant program director

Ask experienced investigator to critique your proposal

Volunteer to be a reviewer

Your Proposal Should Answer these Questions

What are you going to do?

How will you do it?

Why is this important?

Is it feasible?

What is your unique contribution?

What are others doing in this area?

Proposal Presentation Hints

Present your ideas clearly and succinctly

Use a concise, scientific writing style& correct English

Reviewers are technical peers - provide adequate explanation

For budgetary matters, get assistance from your research office

Excessive budgets really irritate reviewers

Always remember that you are selling this to the REVIEWERS

NSF RESEARCH PROPOSAL STATISTICS - 1998

CISE

Proposals = 1754

Awards = 521

Funding Rate = 30%

Average Annual Budget = $100,349

Median Annual Budget = $75,000

Average Time = 2.86yrs.

If Your Proposal is Declined Remember

Awards are Highly Competitive

Budgetary Limitations Exert Influence

NSF Priorities Exert Influence

So, examine the reviews and try once more