

# Funding Focus

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## Grants 101

*Tips on the basics of funding & writing*

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Mac Hall 2201

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# Grants 101

- Introduction / Overview
  - ▣ This workshop will focus on basic grant information and writing tips.
- Who we are
  - ▣ Contact: [funding@ohsu.edu](mailto:funding@ohsu.edu)
  - ▣ Office Location: MacHall 2170 (Vice President for Research Office)
- RFDS Services
  - ▣ Handout

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# Grants 101 – Finding Funding

- Funding Checklist
  - Handout
  - Places to find funding
  - Set up an appointment for a funding consultation  
(email [funding@ohsu.edu](mailto:funding@ohsu.edu))

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## Grants 101 - How to Read the RFA

- An RFA is a general term used to describe an open opportunity; it means “Request for Applications”
- An FOA is a term used by the NIH and other federal agencies; it means “Funding Opportunity Announcement”
- Look for:
  - Description
  - Eligibility
  - Guidelines
  - Deadline
  - Amount

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## Grants 101 – Writing Tips

- Your writing must be CLEAR and PERSUASIVE
- Write for the informed non-expert
- Specific Aims page must be perfect
- Preliminary data must be beautiful
- Think about the needs of the reviewer

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## Grants 101- Writing Tips

- Hypothesis-driven research is key!
- Your hypothesis should explain what you think is going on.
- Your hypothesis needs to be interesting and testable, not 'correct.'
- Your aims need to test your hypothesis.

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## Grants 101 - Writing Tips

- Is the scope of your proposed work appropriate for the length and amount of funding.
  - Too descriptive?
  - Too ambitious?

*A common pitfall is proposing to do too much work in the time allotted.*

## Grants 101 – Writing Tips

- Use white space
- Don't clutter up your text
- Make sure it looks and sounds good
- Use pictures and cartoons
- Do not abbreviate (except for those that are widely used, such as DNA)

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## Grants 101 - Big Changes

- New formatting requirements for all NIH grants
- 12 page format for R01s
- RCR changes
- 2 chances to apply
- New scoring system for all grants
  
- Stay tuned! Read the Research News  
<http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/researchnews/>

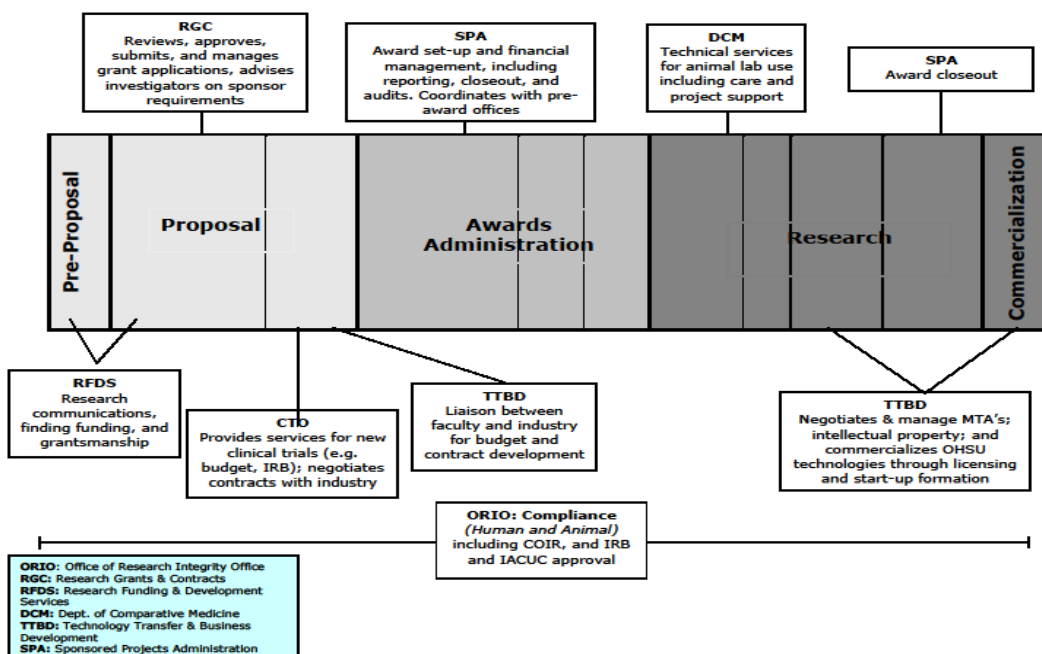
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## OHSU Resources - Get to know...

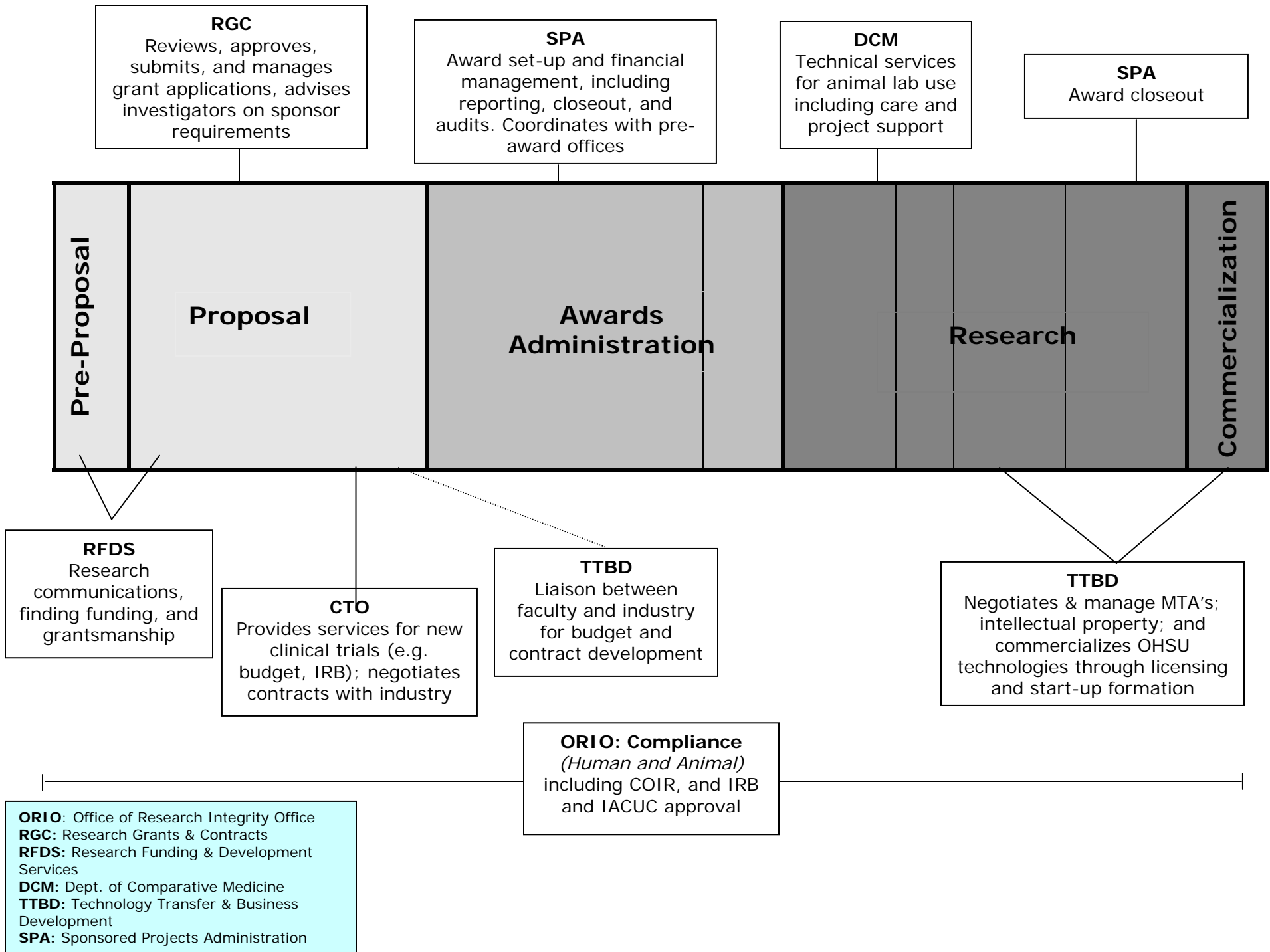
- **Your RGC analyst**
  - Research Grants & Contracts is OHSU's pre-award office. Analysts are assigned by department.
- **Sponsored Projects Administration**
  - OHSU's post-award office. Once you have an award, they help manage and maintain reporting requirements
- **Biosafety, IRB, IACUC regulations & resources**
- **Responsible Conduct of Research training requirements**

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# Research Administration



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## Finding Funding Checklist

### Sources of funding – where the funds originate

- Government: federal, state, and local entities (NIH, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, etc.)
- Private: foundation, corporate, professional societies, associations (American Cancer Society, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, etc.)

### Search for funding – databases to find opportunities

- InfoEd's **SPIN database** – government (NIH, NSF, CDC, HRSA) and private funding (foundation, societies) <https://infoed.ohsu.edu/spin/spinmain.asp>
- **OHSU Funding Database** – private, limited submission, local, and internal opportunities. Primarily non-governmental grants <http://ozone.ohsu.edu/research/rda/funding/>
- **Grants.gov** – all federal government opportunities [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- **The Foundation Directory Online** – all inclusive database of private opportunities (password protected) <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/>

### Sign up for funding alerts – newsletters, RSS feeds, and listserv

- **RFDS Weekly Fund Alerts** – all government and foundation funding released the previous week email [funding@ohsu.edu](mailto:funding@ohsu.edu) to be added (sent every Thursday)
- **Grants.gov** – sign up for daily or weekly emails sent when new opportunities are released
- **NIH Guide Table of Contents** – sent each Friday, it is a listing of all the newly released NIH opportunities and notices
- **Foundations or Professional Societies** that support your type of research (American Diabetes Association, American Federation for Aging Research, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Endocrine Society)

### Speak to – important people that can help guide you

- Mentors & Colleagues
- Program Officers (at the NIH or other federal agencies)
- Research Funding & Development Services ([funding@ohsu.edu](mailto:funding@ohsu.edu))
- OHSU Foundation Development Director or OHSU Foundation Relations Department ([www.ohsu.edu/ohsufoundation](http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsufoundation))
- Departmental & School Resources (your chair, department administrator, division head, etc.)
- Research Grants & Contracts (RGC) – each department has an analyst assigned to assist them
- Foundations or Professional Societies that support your type of research (American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association)

### Other Resources & Tips

- **OHSU Research News** – read this to stay on top of all things research at OHSU. <http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/researchnews/>
- Learn about the different types of grants offered by the NIH (R01, K08, P50). [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding\\_program.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding_program.htm)
- Look at previously funded NIH grants before you submit by **exploring RePORTER (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool)** (formally CRISP). Search by funding mechanism or by institute.
- If a database has predetermined keywords, use them – you will have more success than inputting your own because opportunities are coded based on the set keywords provided.



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## Research Funding & Development Services

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/administration/research-funding-development/>

### Funding

We can help you find funding for your research through workshops, drop-in trainings, and individual appointments:

- Learn the best databases and search strategies to identify funding.
- Learn to create effective funding services tailored to your research interests.
- Use our office to apply for limited submission funding opportunities.

### Writing and Editing

We can help you with your writing and editing in four ways:

- Specific Aims Workshop
- Vollum Writing Program\*
- Targeted & Specialized workshops
- Individual appointments for help with grants

\* The Vollum Writing Program carries a fee of \$475, so check with your PI first to make sure it's ok to sign up.

### For more information

For a comprehensive review of all our services and events, please visit our website

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/administration/research-funding-development/>

Come to our monthly **Funding Focus** brownbag sessions hosted on the second Thursday of each month ranging in topics all relating to how to fund your research. No registration required. MacHall 2201, 12:00 noon-1:00pm

Sign up for **Weekly Funding Alerts** and receive a list of all new private and federal funding opportunities delivered to your mailbox each Wednesday. Email [funding@ohsu.edu](mailto:funding@ohsu.edu) to sign up.

Read the **Research News** website, available in a dynamic web format. Research News is an interactive website with news and information for OHSU researchers and staff including upcoming featured events, funding opportunities, important NIH changes and grant information, and other need-to-know information.

<http://portal.ohsu.edu/blogs/researchnews/>

Call or e-mail if you have any questions!