

How to Prevent Grant Funding

General Big Hitters

- **Remember, instructions are for sissies**
- **Let the NIH assign your grant to a study section**
Think that it's best NOT to look at who sits on the reviewing study section or in fact to research study section rosters in advance to make sure your application is sent to the right panel. Not knowing who is reviewing your application, you can be sure to either miss the opportunity to cite their work or to misinterpret what they have published.
- Don't bother with letters of support/collaboration
- ***Never, ever show your grant application to anyone before submission***

Content

- Hypothesis / Specific Aims
Propose complex aims each of which is contingent on achievement of the one prior
Make sure your hypotheses will be rendered moot unless one and only one outcome is obtained.
- Background / Study Design
Mention by name as many well-known investigators as possible without explaining/justifying their role, which has no budget allocation either
Propose experiments using reagents/cell lines/transgenic models you don't have & are challenging to generate
Do not include statistical methods for each hypothesis.
Do not include power analyses for each proposed statistical test.
Do not consider alternative hypotheses or approaches