

Typical Proposal Contents

As with proposal budgets, the required documents for each proposal will vary by proposal and sponsor. The list below is representative of an average NIH RO1 proposal. Foundations and Industry sponsors will typically request some variety of the following listed documents or a subset of them. Note that not all of the listed documents may be required, depending on the type of work you are proposing to the sponsor.

- Project Narrative
- Project Summary
- Facilities and Resources
- Bibliography/References
- Equipment
- Specific Aims
- Research Strategy
- Vertebrate Animals
- Select Agent Research
- Multi PI/PD Plan
- Consortium/Contractual Arrangements
- Letters of Support
- Resource Sharing Plan
- Authentication of Chemical and Biological Resources
- Human Subjects Information (Forms E, if applicable)
- Assignment Request (If proposal should be directed to a specific NIH IC or Institute)

Please be aware that each funding agency/sponsor will have its own specific formatting guidelines and ways in which they would want your submitted documents to be organized and presented. Consult the specific submission guidelines that you are working with for details and do not assume that one document can be submitted to different sponsors or be responsive to different sponsor requirements.