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# PRO Reference Guide

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## How Can PRO Help Faculty?

- Coordinate the proposal submission with internal and external systems.
- Disseminate **newsletter** to faculty and graduate students (**sign up**)
- Work with PIs to create a budget from the most up-to-date information including anticipated changes in compensation, indirect costs, tuition and benefits.
- Route application package for internal approval and get SPA signature on required cover pages/subrecipient forms.
- Use the most up-to-date templates provided by the sponsor and following all guidelines (PRO can assist in downloading if requested).
- Assist PIs with creating a budget justification template.
- Identify and disseminate potential funding opportunities for targeted affinity groups (**sign up**)
- Assist PI with Just-in-time submission PRIOR to award notice.
- Provide PIs with a list of required proposal documents.
- Prepare administrative forms required of the proposal (creating proposal packages in ASSIST, VERA, RESEARCH.GOV, Grants.gov, etc).
- Review and work with the PI to confirm compliance with submission guidelines and requirements.
- Work with partner institutions to ensure Vanderbilt has all the necessary documentation needed to accompany a subcontract.
- Enter all final budgets in required budget templates.
- Assist PI with any rebudgeting requested by sponsor PRIOR to award notice.

- Collect biosketches/CVs from other key persons listed on proposal.
- Generate final proposal package for PI to review and make final corrections.

## Funding Opportunities

### Vanderbilt Internal Grants

<b>Seeding Success</b>	<b>Scaling Success</b>	<b>Rapid Advancement Microgrants</b>
<b>Peabody Small Grants</b>	<b>Limited Submission Opportunities</b>	

### Seeking External Funding

<b>InfoEd Spin</b>	<b>Foundations GuideStar</b>	<b>Research Professional</b>
<b>Vanderbilt Library</b>	<b>Grant Forward (User Guide)</b>	<b>Peabody Funded Research Projects</b>

## Peabody and VU Proposal Submission Support

**Sponsored Programs Administration**

**Research Development & Support**

**VU Privacy Policy**

**MOU and Data Sharing  
Agreements**

**RDS Proposal Support  
Request Form**

**Vanderbilt Sponsored  
Programs FAQs**

## **Exemplar Proposal Material by Sponsors**

### **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

Dissemination Plan

Recruitment and  
Retention Plan

Facilities and Other  
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Individuals across  
the Lifespan

Inclusion of Women  
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### **Institute for Education Sciences (IES)**

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### **National Science Foundation (NSF)**

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Budget Preparation

Glossary Terms and Acronyms

### Proposal Preparation Checklists

National Institutes of Health

National Science Foundation

Institute for Education Science

note:(highlighted sections contain exemplar materials)

## Peabody Research Policies

Principal Investigator Incentive  
Award Program

Research Proposal Submission  
Recognition Policy

Grant Submission  
Recognition Policy

Professional Student Employment  
Classification and Compensation

Peabody PhD Tuition Match Funding  
by Research Grant

Grant-Funded Summer Salary

Research Participant Payment Policy

Employment Guidelines for  
On-Campus Graduate and  
Professional Students

Faculty Fund Guidelines  
for Expenditures

Guidelines for Teaching Load  
Release for Research Grants for  
Peabody Faculty

Teaching Release for  
Research Grants



## Other VU Resources

IRB Human Subjects Protection

IRB Policies and Procedures

Research IT

Center for Technology Transfer  
and Commercialization

## Fostering Peabody Research Collaborations and Communication

External Partners – how to guide  
on establishing external  
partnerships.

Peabody Research Workshops

Sign up for Affinity Groups

Peabody Peer Support

Research Conversations  
Recordings

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