

Characteristics of a Successful Research Proposal

A successful research proposal:

1. Is innovative
2. Includes specific aims
3. Includes preliminary data
4. Describes approach
5. Indicates the significance of the proposal with regard to the specific award and conveys its impact on science and your personal growth.

Characteristics of a Strong Letter of Support

1. Personal
2. Specific
3. Indicates why the award is important for the candidate
4. Indicates why the candidate is important to the department
5. Describes future plans for the candidate