

Grantsmanship is the skill of writing grant applications so reviewers can easily understand and value them. This skill is important for neurosurgeons seeking National Institute of Health (NIH) funding, which is progressively more limited.

NIH Program Project Grants NIH Program Project Grants exist to fund the development of collaborative research teams.

There are two important NIH funding programs:

R01 grants K08 grants R01 grants are aimed at projects with a high chance of success and high impact aims. These are intended for individuals capable of generating independent research with an established track record.

K08 grants are career awards designed to provide salary support and a supply budget to young clinician-investigators. This grant's goal is to help secure protected, mentored basic science research. Additional K-type awards support clinician-investigators pursuing clinical-focused projects.

Reference Materials Below are a number of resources to build your grantsmanship skills. These documents include:

Samples of funded NIH grants written by the principal investigators

Pink sheets that accompany some of grants with the:

Review process in the NIH study section

Scope of the proposed budgets

Revisions of initial grants that were ultimately funded

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