



OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

**TIMELINE FOR EXTERNAL GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

As Soon As Possible	Three Weeks	Seven Days	Five Days	Day Before DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Notify OSP of your intent to submit a proposal</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Provide sponsor guidelines / Request for Proposal (RFP)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Begin budget development</b> (work with OSP)</li> <li>▪ <b>OSP will generate a checklist of all required proposal pieces</b> (narrative, biosketch, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Provide contact information for all external collaborators*, if applicable</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Start preparing secondary proposal pieces</b> (biosketch, facilities, references, letters of commitment, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><i>*Subaward institutions often require their own internal approval process; early communication is imperative</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Internal Budget FINALIZED</b> (including cost share and subawards, if applicable)</li> <li>▪ <b>DRAFTS of all proposal pieces submitted to OSP for review</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>FINAL draft of the complete proposal submitted for OSP review</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Institutional approval routing underway</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>8:00 a.m. Final <u>MINOR</u> edits to narrative due to OSP</b></li> <li>▪ <b>ALL institutional approvals completed</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Following verification of approvals and final review, OSP submits the proposal before or on the sponsor's due date</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Proposals not adhering to these guidelines are at risk of not being submitted to the sponsor.</u></b></p>

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