

Information for students about Sigma xi grants

Sigma Xi--How to get funded

First: Go to the Sigma Xi web page and read about the program and guidelines.

Second: read the guidelines from sigma xi on what they are looking for in a student grant proposal.

1. An explicitly stated research hypothesis set in the context of a larger theory or model.
2. A description of research methods.
3. A clear relationship of the hypothesis with the data to be gathered.
4. Demonstrated familiarity with previous work on the topic.

It is expected that applicants will adhere to the guidelines for eligibility, proposal preparation, and budget as described on the current form. Applicants should request letters of recommendation that provide pertinent information about the proposed research rather than generic comments of support.

Third: Items to keep in mind

1. You need to ask for letters of support one to two weeks in advance of the deadline
2. You need to deliver a COPY OF YOUR GRANT PROPOSAL to each of your letter writers when you ask for the letter.
3. Sigma Xi grant are electronically submitted. So too are letters. Give the webpage address to your letter writers to make their life easy.
4. Your grant must address the issues listed by Sigma Xi on what they look for in a grant
5. Copies of funded proposals are available so you know the quality of work gets funded. You will notice that each grant covers the elements that Sigma Xi says it wants to see.
7. Make each sentence count.
8. Get a DRAFT of your grant to your advisor way in advance of the deadline to be edited.
9. NO GRANT SHUOULD BE SUBMITTED UNTIL YOUR ADIVSOR HAS REVIEWED IT AND YOU HAVE ADDRESSED ALL ISSUES.
 - When the grant has “overwhelming force,” then you will receive your advisor’s go-ahead to submit.
 - Note the national average for receiving these grants is LESS THAN 20%. Follow the above guidelines and directions and the average will be maintained and/or improved.
10. After your grant is 100% ready to submit then bring a hardcopy of the final form to your advisor. This includes (the narrative, budget, etc.)
11. Place a virus free electronic copy of your grant and budget in your folder on your advisor’s computer desktop. The value of this is that fellow students in your lab can benefit and learn from your experiences.