

# How And Why To Work With Meg Bouvier Medical Writing LLC

## Why work with a medical grantwriter?

Funding lines are at historic lows at NIH. Professional grantwriters likely work on more submissions in a month than you will in your entire career. They read blog posts, notices, press releases, newsletters, reports, and appropriations testimony to keep up with the ever-shifting landscape of agency funding. Given that federal awards tend to be in the millions, with indirect rates an additional 6 or 7 figures, it makes good financial sense to invest a few thousand dollars in grantwriting support.

## Why work with Meg Bouvier?

I earned a PhD in biomedical sciences from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, and was a post-doc at NIH before becoming a staff writer for Francis Collins, current NIH Director. I understand NIH from the perspective of a grantee, intramural scientist, and administrator, which greatly informs my work. I have helped clients land over \$200 million in federal funding.

## What is the goal of grantwriting support?

My goal is to improve your overall grantsmanship skills and the quality of all your submissions going forward. These skills will make you a better grantee, reviewer, and mentor. Note that my goal is not necessarily to help you land a given submission; Grantwriting skills improve with iteration. I work with many new grantees, and few new grantees land their first NIH submission no matter how strong it is.

## What are the key areas of focus?

I help clients gain insight into NIH's priorities and portfolio. I walk them through shopping their aims and soliciting advice from program officers. I edit and advise on narrative portions. I identify and effectively convey their competitive advantage and the significance and impact of their work as *it relates to NIH's areas of emphasis*. I format to allow overworked reviewers to skim and grasp key points. I help grantees avoid mistakes I see in the dozens of Summary Statements I read each year.

## What can't a grantwriter do?

Good grantwriting is necessary, but not sufficient, to funding success. A grantwriter cannot comment on science details, design your project, choose collaborators, or guarantee success.

## What types of support are provided by Meg Bouvier Medical Writing?

I advise institutions and departments on new faculty hires and decisions about research focus, given the NIH funding climate. I educate institutions about Best Practices, such as chalk talks and mock study sections. I advise, edit, and write for individuals and teams on submissions of all sizes, and offer individual or team reviewing. My most cost-effective services include on-site trainings and an ever-increasing array of on-demand webinars on a variety of topics.

## How does the process work?

Contact [info@megbouvier.com](mailto:info@megbouvier.com) for an initial phone consultation. We will assess your grantsmanship knowledge/experience, stage of career, the help you would like, timeframe, and budget. Typical support for an individual writing an R-series submission would involve advising on pre-writing strategies, broad guidance on an early draft, and a hard edit to a near-final draft.

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