

For funders, a grant award is an investment in positive change. It's a tool they use for having an impact on issues they care about. Looked at this way, a proposal narrative is actually a call to action. It's a request that a funder join the applicant as a partner in achieving specific results. At its best, a grant proposal is a cogent, persuasive, well-supported argument for change. It's about linking arms with colleague organizations, beneficiaries, community members, and funders to embrace a mission and solve the challenges we face together.



## CHARACTERISTICS OF WINNING GRANT PROPOSALS

Welcome to the Fall 2017 issue of Go Grants! We're looking forward to a productive year of working across all departments and offices of NDMU to submit proposals and win grants. Issue 3 of our newsletter aims to provide NDMU faculty and staff with some basics of writing strong grant proposals. From defining what a proposal narrative means, to explaining how to better communicate your mission, to letting you know what our office can do to help you draft winning proposals, we hope you'll find this latest issue of Go Grants useful—and motivating. In addition, this issue lists some institutional resources you will have at your fingertips to help you get started writing proposal narratives. And, while we're planning to host an informational Q&A session here in Noyes House, we've also provided you a list of some on-campus and online grant workshops you can attend. We hope you'll find this latest issue of Go Grants useful—and motivating. In addition, this issue lists some institutional resources you will have at your fingertips to help you get started writing proposal narratives. And, while we're planning to host an informational Q&A session here in Noyes House, we've also provided you a list of some on-campus and online grant workshops you can attend.

**Reflection** — Reflect a professional understanding of the problem being addressed.

**Commitment** — Show support from the institution to achieve the program goals.

**Collaboration** — Cooperative relationships are in place, as appropriate, in order to advance mutual goals.

**Alignment** — Activities and goals match the interests of the funder.

**Preparation** — Goals and objectives are clear and a demonstrable plan is in place to achieve them.

**Effectiveness** — An outcome-based evaluation is integrated into the project to measure the success.

Faculty members  
are encouraged  
to seek grants for  
projects that help  
support research  
and scholarship,  
and advance the  
University's Mission  
and Strategic Plan

The Foundation Center, Introduction to Proposal Writing — FREE

Teaches what to include in proposals, best practices in proposal writing, and provides a basic understanding of the proposal process.

Offered in three formats: live webinar, recorded webinar, or in person

October 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Washington, DC

The Foundation Center , Proposal Writing Bootcamp — \$695.00

A three-day project-based immersion course. Participants will become familiar with the key components of a competitive grant proposal to a foundation and learn best practices for developing a well-organized budget and a targeted list of foundation funding prospects.

Format: in person

September 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Washington, DC

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Notre Dame of Maryland University educates leaders to transform the world.

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- build inclusive communities,
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- promote social responsibility.

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While these may be familiar words to you, communicating NDMU's mission and legacy is often necessary for graduates

## Grant Writing Q&A

Contact Carla Hobson, Grants Assistant, to register for a grants Q&A session to be held in Noyes House on Thursday, November 9, from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

This is your opportunity to ask us questions and share experiences with colleagues.