

How to Write a Grant

Faculty Presenter

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Scholar Summary

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Dr. Flaherty gave us an interesting lecture about “how to write a grant”. He taught us in detail the process of proposing original ideas with new compounds based on his own experience. In this session was held interactively, and a lot of productive discussion took place.

First, he pointed out the importance for investigators to keep exchanging information with their team. Young investigators must leverage resources that are available to us. As experts in the field of research, it is necessary to collaborate with other researchers or companies. Clinical samples, clinical information, and the ideas from physician scientists are invaluable. At the same time, opportunities to touch new drugs and new concepts are very important for researches. Needless to say, it is important to ensure transparency for the COI.

It is necessary to establish good relationship with pharmaceutical companies on a daily basis, so that we can obtain new information and submit LOI as soon as possible.

According to his experience, if the submission is delayed for a week, more than 10 competitors have already submitted LOIs. He emphasized that we should write down and submit the LOIs earlier than anyone else. Dr. Flaherty emphasized that young researchers should hand in the LOIs no later than the others.

Lastly, Dr. Flaherty emphasized the importance of the mentors. It is important to negotiate while receiving advice from a mentor with extensive experience.