# Grant Writing and Editing Assistance Program

As a pilot initiative, the Research Advisory Panel is offering grant writing and editing assistance by Dr. Clemma Muller, to select MVAHCS investigators submitting VA, NIH, DOD, or other federal grants.

**PURPOSE**  This program is intended to enhance the research productivity of MVAHCS investigators by improving the quality of federal grant submissions.

**ELIGIBILITY**  is limited to VA staff (MD, DO, PhD or equivalent with > 5/8ths paid VA appointment)

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**  Requests for Applications will be issued 3 times a year (see table), to accommodate spring, summer, and fall federal application deadlines.  Applications must be received at least 4 months before the targeted grant application deadline.

The application consists of 3 components:
1. An email to hanna.bloomfield@va.gov or Joshua.nixon@va.gov that:
--specifies the grant opportunity you are targeting (e.g. VA CSR&D CX-20-001 Merit posted October 1, 2019)
--confirms that you are at least a 5/8ths paid employee at the Minneapolis VA
--indicates whether this is an initial submission or a resubmission

2. Draft Specific Aims Page
3. Biosketch

**APPLICATION REVIEW**
After administrative review, proposals will be considered by the ACOS/R, the deputy ACOS/R and/or the Research Advisory Panel or its designee(s)**.**

Review Criteria
- Investigator status (e.g. history of productivity, impact, timeliness, responsiveness, compliance)
- The proposed project's stage of development, feasibility, importance, and likelihood of being funded. If feasible, Dr. Muller's assessment of the strength of the proposal will be obtained.

**TERMS OF SUPPORT**
The award consists of 10 hours of Dr. Muller's time.  It is the investigator's responsibility to contact Dr. Muller and work within the constraints of her availability and respect her deadlines.  Dr. Muller may request additional hours for specific projects, if needed.

| Application due (approximate dates) | 2020 Grant Deadlines | |
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| | **NIH** | **VA** |
| **October 1 (RFA by Sept 1)** | **February 5** (new R01) **March 5** (R01 renewal/resubmit) | **March 12** (BLRD, CSRD, RRD SPiRE) |
| **February 1 (RFA by Jan 1)** | **June 5** (new R01) **July 5** (R01 renewal/resubmit) | **June 12** (RRD, HSRD) |
| **June 1 (RFA by May 1)** | **October 5** (new R01) **Nov 5** (R01 renewal/resubmit) | **September 12** (BLRD, CSRD, RRD SPiRE) |