

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DPRG APPLICATION

**Items 1-4 must be 5 pages or less in total. All applications must conform to NIH formatting guidelines. Margins must be 0.5" or greater and font style must be no smaller than Ariel 11.**

1. Goals, objectives or aims of your project. (Suggested 1/2 page)  
Provide a clear, concise summary of the aims of the work proposed and relate them to your long-term goals. What areas will this research explore, what questions will it answer?
2. Rationale or background. (Suggested 1-2 pages)  
Briefly cite the background research (yours and others) which led to the current research questions. How will the proposed work help you answer your specific questions?
3. Contemplated method of approach. (Suggested 1-2 pages)  
Clearly describe the overall design of the study. Describe proposed tests, procedures, subject population and ages in sufficient detail to allow adequate evaluation of your approach. Justify the use of your population and your measuring tools. Include a description of the intended data analysis.
4. Significance of the project. (Suggested 1/2 page)  
Briefly explain why the results of the research may be important and why the proposal is likely to produce new and useful information. In other words, why were you excited about this project?
5. Budget.
  - a. Justification: Justify items by categories.
  - b. Other support (see below)

Higher budget limits were approved at the 2006 annual meeting. As a general guideline concerning budgets, the average award ranges from \$3,000 to a maximum of \$7,500 (please contact the Executive Director before submitting to determine the maximum amount to request). At present application budget limits for post-doctoral fellows are the same but this is subject to change. Salary for the Principal Investigator, other senior investigators, or regular research renovation is never funded; research technicians are rarely funded. When at all possible, hourly student workers, who require no benefit payments, are to be used. Indirect costs are not paid to other institutions. Generally, a call to the Director's office will clarify an issue regarding the appropriateness of budgetary items. Please provide information as to other sources of funding that are involved in this project; how this proposal differs from those proposals, and any other sources of funding that may have been sought. For example, if you have an NIMH K Award, R01, or similar, why are requested funds needed in addition to that award?

6. Publications of the Applicant.  
If this is your first application, please include an NIH format Biosketch.