**Outline for the grant proposal:** (10 pages total, single spaced, excluding references)

1. One page **specific aim**

This is like a summary or an abstract.

1. **Significance / background** (3 pages)

This section should cover what is known in the field you are interested in and why are you investigating your specific proposal. It should also address what significance your field of research will have.

1. **Innovation** (optional)

Why is what you are doing unique or more appropriate than what is already being done? If you are using any innovative technology, you can address it in this section.

1. **Approach**

This section is about how you plan to investigate your topic. What exactly you are planning to do? Details about experimental procedure use of animals (if any) etc. (Methods section).

1. **Anticipated results and potential pitfalls**

What results are you expecting? What other outcomes are possible? If you do not get the expected result, how else can you approach it?

**Note:** You can also include figures to help explain a pathway or methods!

**Useful Link**

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/researchfunding/newsletter/2014/Pages/0403.aspx#a01>