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### PPRC Procedures to Send in a Proposal

*Prior to setting up a grant writing team:*

Read and evaluate if appropriate to PPRC and its components.

*At two months: Determine deadline.*

60 days prior to deadline define research question and select Principal Investigator and key personnel.

*At 6 weeks: Outline.*

Have outline of proposal, bulleted and highlighted based on RFP.

*At 5 weeks: Team assignments.*

Assign components of proposal to be constructed by PI and staff.

*At 4 weeks: First draft.*

Have a first draft available for review and estimate of budget to Director.

*At 3 weeks: Second draft.*

Have second draft and budget reviewed by Director

*At 2 weeks: Final proposal.*

Final proposal and budget approved by OSP

*At 1 week: Ready to send.*

One week prior to deadline, have proposal ready to send out with appropriate copies.