

THE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE PRESENTS

Virtual Grant Writing Coaching Group 2026



Now Accepting Applications through **Friday, May 15, 2026!**

The Leadership Alliance Grant Writing Coaching Group (GWCG) supports early career faculty, postdocs, and researchers in developing competitive grant proposals. Designed for individuals planning to apply for **NIH funding**, the program offers bi-weekly virtual meetings where participants receive direct feedback from an expert coach. Through multiple iterations of their proposals, participants refine their work with guidance from the coach and peer support, fostering a collaborative and constructive learning environment.

The 2026 program will start in early June 2026 and run through January 2027. June-July **virtual** prerequisite sessions will be held weekly (TBD). Biweekly virtual meetings will begin the week of August 11 and conclude at the end of January 2027.

Eligibility Requirements:

Early-career researchers in biomedical fields, encompassing all relevant social, behavioral, and health sciences, are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants must be currently affiliated with a [Leadership Alliance member institution](#). Applications are encouraged from individuals with a demonstrated commitment to broadening participation in biomedical research.

- Must be planning an NIH grant proposal submission (e.g., R01, R03, R15, R21, K01, K08, K99/R00, SC1, SC2)
- Must be a postdoc or faculty member currently employed at a Leadership Alliance member institution
- Must have the support of your department chair or dean (**letter of support required**)
- Have institutional support in the form of course release time, pilot funding, or other research resources to allow for successful grant submission
- Must have at least five hours a week to dedicate to grant writing
- Have at least one publication in the same research area as the planned grant submission or a publication that supports the research idea for the planned grant submission
- Applicants with pilot data are preferred
- Applicants must plan to submit their grant within six months of the end of the program

More information & application email:

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