Basic NIH requirements for most proposals (R01, R03, R21). (In all cases, solicitations and SF424 guidelines need to be reviewed and followed.):

- eRA Commons ID
- full budgets require full budget details and justifications. Applies to R01s with direct costs over $250k per year.
- modular budgets need:
  - personnel justification (detailed budgets are needed internally but not in the NIH package)
  - additional module justification (only if mods are different)
- summary (30 lines)
- narrative (2-3 sentences)
- facilities (and a separate equipment write up if using major equipment)
- specific aims
- research strategy
- references
- bio(s) in NIH format - for PI and any key senior personnel
- cover letter - optional but encouraged
- letters of support - if needed to show support particularly from consultants or unpaid collaborators
- Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan - if applicable. NIH does not use the Co-PI system, so a collaborator may also be a PI (and therefore a Leadership Plan is needed) or they could be listed as key senior personnel.

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