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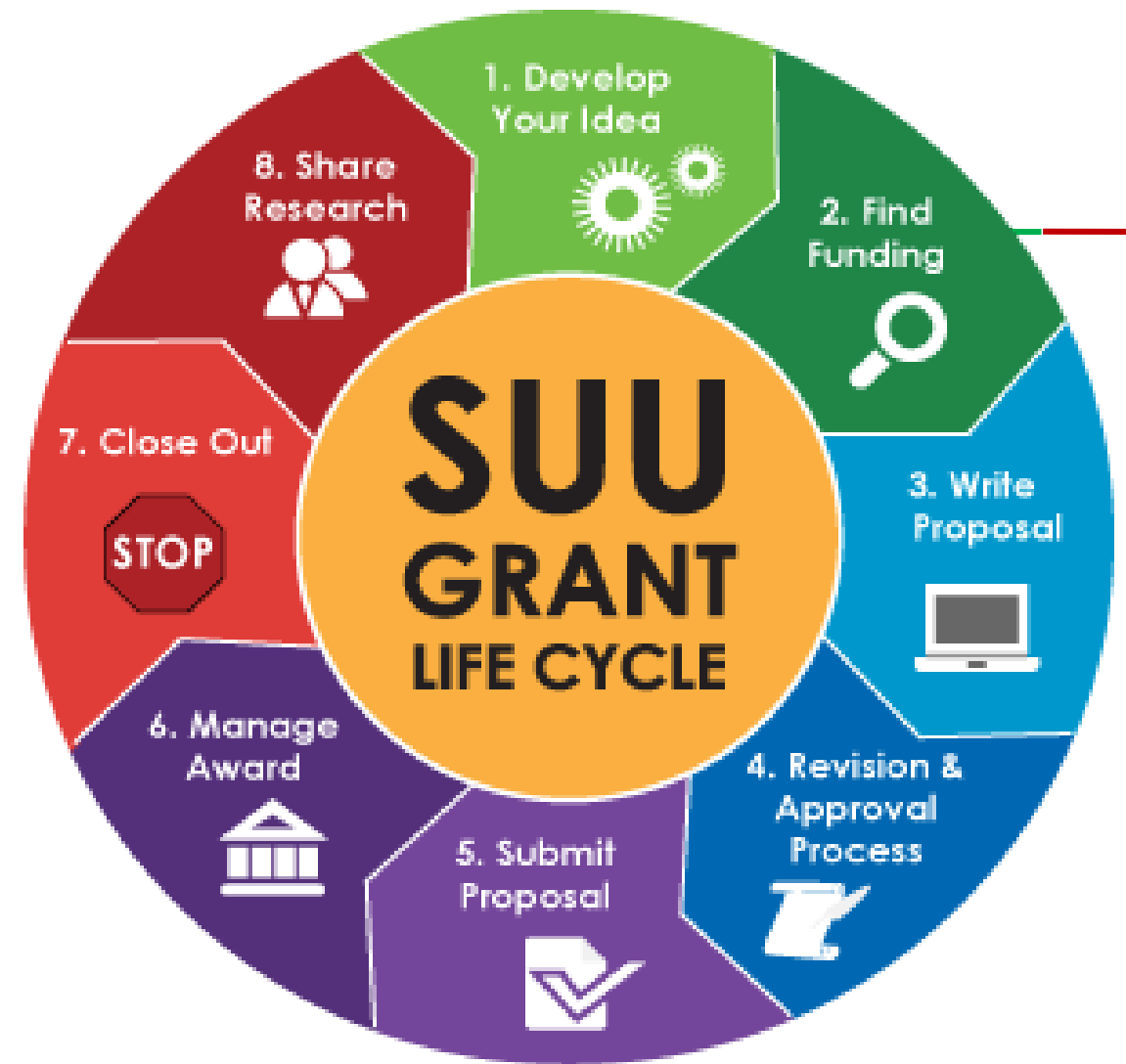
Raising a new Generation of Leaders

Models for Sourcing External Grants and Research Funding

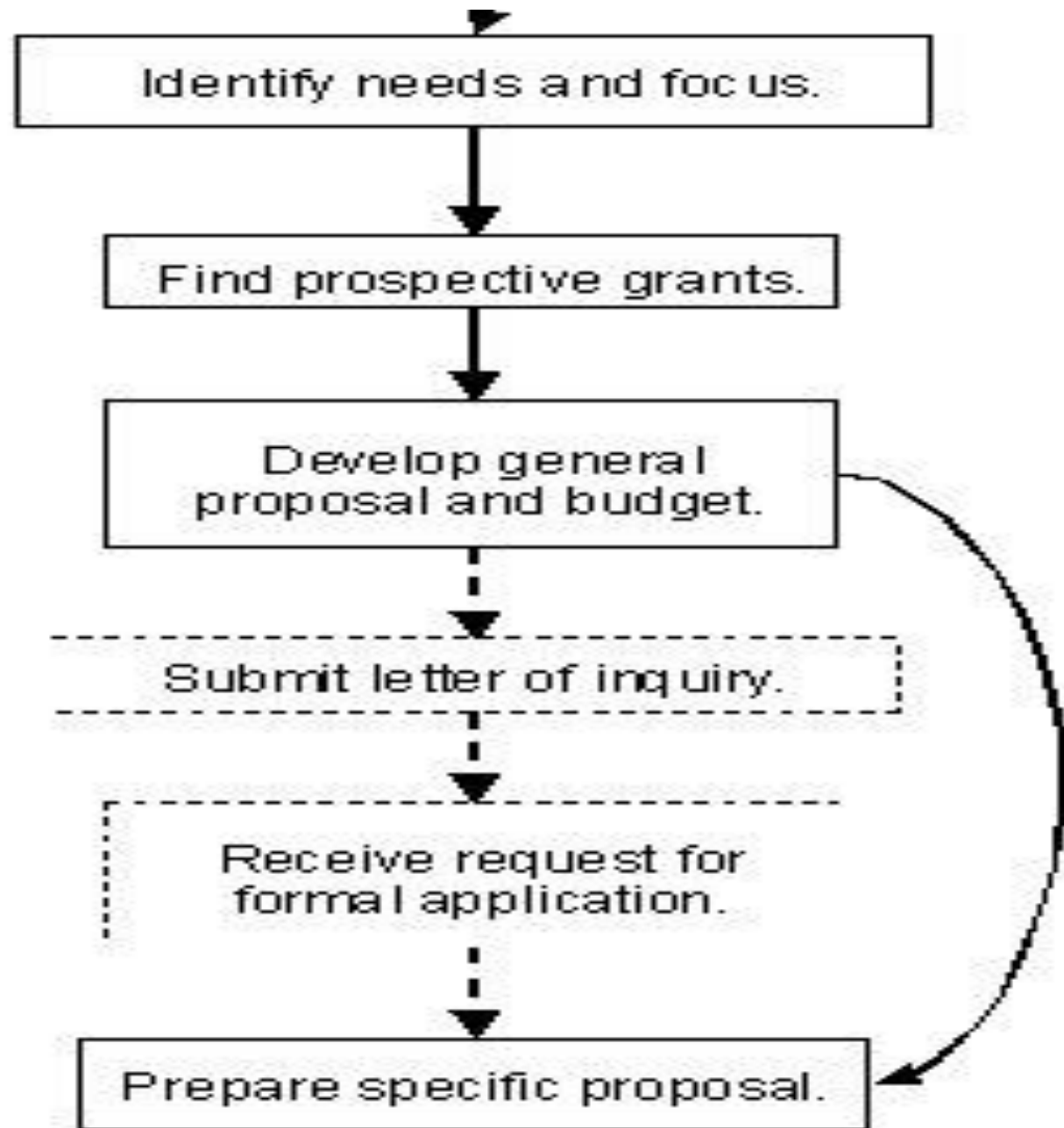
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Grant Life Cycle



The winning research proposal

- ✓ Must match the scope and needs of the funding institute. Every agency/institute has its own goals and priorities.
- ✓ Must be written according to the guidelines and requirements of the funding agency.
 - Must be well structured, well edited, and free of grammatical and linguistic errors.

The winning research proposal

- ✓ Must possess convincing information on potential high impact and importance.
 - Provide background, cite relevant and recent literature wherever required and provide statistics.
- ✓ Must proof that the Principal Investigator (PI) is not just a figurehead
 - Competency
 - Commitment



Characteristics of a winning research proposal

Clarity

- ✓ State very clear objectives that are directly relate to your hypothesis
- ✓ Communicate exactly how you plan to attain them.

Realistic

- ✓ logical and realistic account of the methods, estimated timelines, and resources required

Characteristics of a winning research proposal

Impact

Brings about collaboration between disciplines.

Have multiple and wide spread uses

Influence students' learning

Inspire further research



DO:

- ✓ Excite the reviewers
- ✓ State the idea, explain why it needs to be tackled and estimate its impact
- ✓ Use plain English
- ✓ State how your research fits with the funder's mission
- ✓ Write so the reviewer can understand it first time
- ✓ Consider a contingency plan to manage any risks associated with your research

DO NOT:

- ✗ Assume the reviewer will put two and two together. Tell them if you want them to understand something
- ✗ Assume the reader knows anything about the subject. Panellists who are not specialists may also be involved in the process
- ✗ Leave it until the last minute

Table 1: The WAVE Project proposal development timeline

Date	Place	Activity
June, 2013	Ghana	Brain storming session, West African scientists and potential UK and US partners
September, 2013	Uganda	Brain storming session, West African and East African scientists
February, 2014	USA and UK	Pitching and further collaborative plans
March, 2014	Multi-locational	Actual proposal writing
May, 2014	Emails and Skype meetings	First proposal draft ready
June, 2014	Multi-locational	First proposal draft sent out for peer review
July, 2014	Multi-locational	Modification, modifications and final Draft
August, 2014	To the USA	Final proposal submitted
October, 2014		Proposal funded