



## **What's a Concept Paper?**

Organize your thoughts for productive discussion with facilitators, collaborators, and program officers

### **Grant Purpose**

Briefly describe your project in lay terms. If you have an agency in mind, include this.

### **Problem/Background**

Explain why you think this topic needs study. If you know the funder, demonstrate how your project relates to the funder's priorities.

### **Significance**

Explain why this is important to the field.

### **Question**

What hypotheses will you test (or what questions will you pursue) and what model will guide your hypotheses (or investigations)?

### **Design/Analysis**

What is the study design that will enable testing your hypotheses (or answering your questions)? What statistical or other methodological approach?

### **Team**

Who will be the key participants (co-investigators and organizations) on the project? What expertise is needed for your team?

### **Miscellaneous**

Other issues that may be relevant to your plans