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# ***OVERVIEW OF PART THREE***

## ***Developing the Rest of Your Application***

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The chapters that constitute Part Three of your *Workbook* will help you to optimize the quality of each additional part that must be prepared to complete the first draft of your entire application. Note that we recommend that you write them out of the order that they will be submitted in the final application. We urge that you take this ‘out-of-order’ approach to maximize internal consistency between related parts of the application, as well as to capitalize on momentum that writing one section can create with respect to writing another – not necessarily the next – section.

### **CHAPTER NINE: Relation to the Principal Investigator’s Longer-Term Goals**

This part of the application will help you project the continuum of research – the future directions – that you plan to pursue over multiple periods of grant support.

### **CHAPTER TEN: Research Plan – Narrative Description of What Will be Done**

This chapter will help you to clearly and succinctly present the details of what will be done.

### **CHAPTER ELEVEN: Background Section – Review of Relevant Background Information, Results From Prior NSF Support, and Preliminary Studies Subsections**

The three subsections of this part of the application will be written to help you justify the need for what you want to do and that the activities proposed are feasible in your hands.

### **CHAPTER TWELVE: Relation to Other Work in Progress**

NSF needs to be assured that funding your proposal will be a good investment. This chapter will help you convince them of that fact.

### **CHAPTER THIRTEEN: Broader Impacts Section**

This is where you ‘punch the buttons’ that are associated with the important “Broader Impacts” major-review criterion. Your application must be written to be as strong in this category as it is in the other major-review criterion, “Intellectual Merit.”

### **CHAPTER FOURTEEN: Budget and Budget Justification**

Many applicants lose money from their *Budget* requests unnecessarily and don’t use the *Budget Justification* as a means of punching important Broader Impacts ‘buttons.’ This chapter will help you to do both.

## **CHAPTER FIFTEEN: Current and Pending Support Section**

This straightforward section is often associated with needless mistakes that can undermine reviewers' perception of an applicant's attention to detail. This chapter will help you avoid that problem.

## **CHAPTER SIXTEEN: Biographical Sketch**

This chapter covers one of the principal means of establishing that the proposed project will be feasible in your hands.

## **CHAPTER SEVENTEEN: Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources Section**

This part of the application represents one of the opportunities you have to convince reviewers that the proposed research is feasible in your hands. Tips and strategies are provided in this chapter that will help you maximize the gain that this section potentially has to offer.

## **CHAPTER EIGHTEEN: Letters of Commitment**

Letters of commitment must state precisely what is needed to underpin fully what you propose. This chapter tells you how to get and optimize such letters.