

Specific Aims Checklist

- I keep to the one-page limit.
- Each of my two or three aims is a narrowly focused, concrete objective I can achieve during the grant.
- My text states how my work is innovative.
- I describe the underlying science to the extent needed for my reviewers.
- I give a rationale for choosing the topic and approach.
- I tie the project to my preliminary data and other new findings in the field.
- I explicitly state my hypothesis and why testing it is important.
- My aims can test my hypothesis and are logical.
- I can design and lead the execution of two or three sets of experiments that will strive to prove each aim.
- I use language that an educated non-expert can understand, to the extent possible.
- My aims highlight the significance of the research to science and health.
- My aims show my project's importance to science, and how it will close a gap in my field.