

Writing Successful Grant/Scholarship Applications

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The Writing Process

- ✓ Review the opportunity and note the criteria
- ✓ Structure a **convincing argument**
 1. **What are you proposing?**
 2. **Why is this work relevant?**
 3. **How will you do it?**
 4. **What findings do you expect & why?**
- ✓ **Tailor your application** to fit the unique call
- ✓ REWRITE - REWRITE - REWRITE

Editing Tips

1. Find peers/professors/supervisors to review your work
2. Ask for **critical feedback**
3. Don't take edits personally
4. Avoid jargon and complex language
5. Use short and straightforward sentences
6. Be consistent with your tenses
7. Prepare for multiple drafts
8. Give yourself **time** and **space** to edit

Additional Wisdom

- Use your publications/research/leadership experience to demonstrate your abilities
- **Ensure humility** by situating personal accomplishments in teamwork
- Find awards that fit your work
- Propose research that you are **passionate** about
- Some awards, like the Trudeau Foundation Scholarships and Vanier Graduate Scholarships, expect leadership experience

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