UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Office of the Vice Dean, Research and International Relations

~ *GRANT AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT* ~

The Vice Dean Research Office provides a grant writing and editing service to help develop and polish proposal submissions by Faculty of Medicine researchers to any funding agency.

The Faculty of Medicine <u>strongly</u> encourages investigators to contact and work with our Grant and Program Development team.

Who Are We?
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What Do We Do?
- Provide writing and editing support for <u>all grant proposals to any funding agency</u>, from single-investigator to major multi-researcher pan-institutional applications.
- Ensure applications clearly demonstrate the *<u>IMPACT</u>* of the research.
- Reorganize for most effective content and structure.
- Clarify meaning, polish language, improve readability.
- Correct grammar, usage, spelling, punctuation.
- Ensure proposals adhere to agency formatting guidelines.

What Are Our Goals?
- Improve grant success and *<u>INCREASE FUNDING</u>* for researchers.
  - ***Grants we edit are more apt to be funded than those not edited*** (41% success rate on edited grants vs. 27% overall Faculty of Medicine success rate for last CIHR OOG).
- Enable researchers to apply for more funding with better prepared materials.

How Long Does Editing Take?
- About a day to edit a 10-page grant but can take longer depending on level of input.
- Edited proposals returned with as speedy turn-around time as possible – in time for the researcher to review editorial suggestions prior to agency deadline.
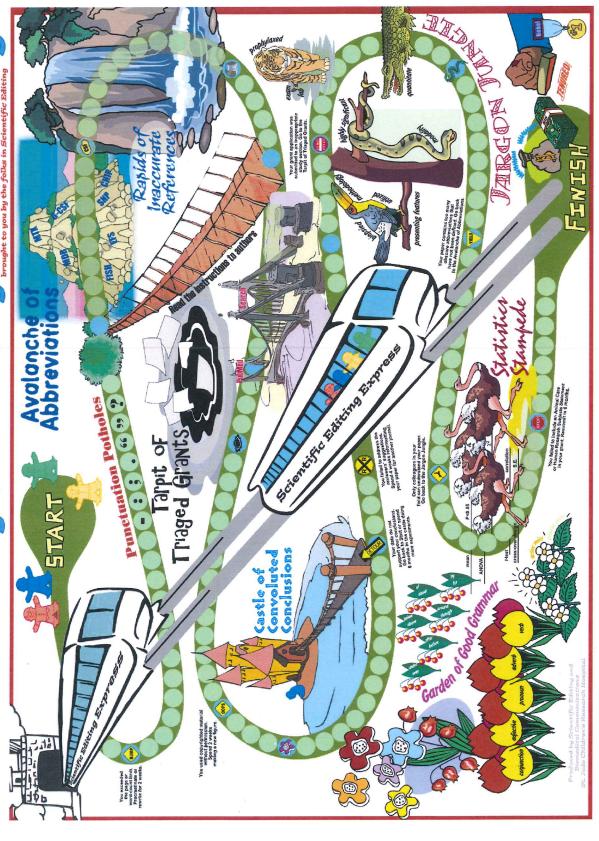
What Do We NOT Do?
- Arrange scientific peer reviews – conducted through departments or divisions.
- Verify budgets.
- Edit references.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to use our services when you apply for funding.

WE WRITE. YOU RESEARCH.