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NIH T32 Guidelines

Guidelines are only guidelines.

Follow the required table formats exactly.

Include anything that makes your program look good.

Include historical outcomes.

**Include names on tables even if not requested –
NIH doesn't like this; reviewers love it.**

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Be Kind to Reviewers

**Make it as easy as possible for the reviewers.
Bigger isn't better.**

Make the application easy to read.

**Reduce jargon and abbreviations (or provide
full-page guide).**

Reviewers may not read appendices.

**Be sure that information on all participants is
included in the application.**

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Interpretation of your Application

Don't leave it to the reviewers to interpret your data – include your own detailed analyses. Keep the NIH tables separate and pure. Include other data/figures/tables in the program plan and progress report.

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Honesty

**Be honest, totally honest, about problems.
Then describe what you are going to do to
fix them.**

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Site Visit

Food is important.

Clear directions.

Site visit day book is key. Provide update here.

Practice with all participants. Consistency is key.

Bonus if students sit in alphabetical order.

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