Securing Re$earch Funding

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Session Overview

Introductions

The Four P's of Securing Research Funding

Questions

INTRODUCTIONS

PURPOSE

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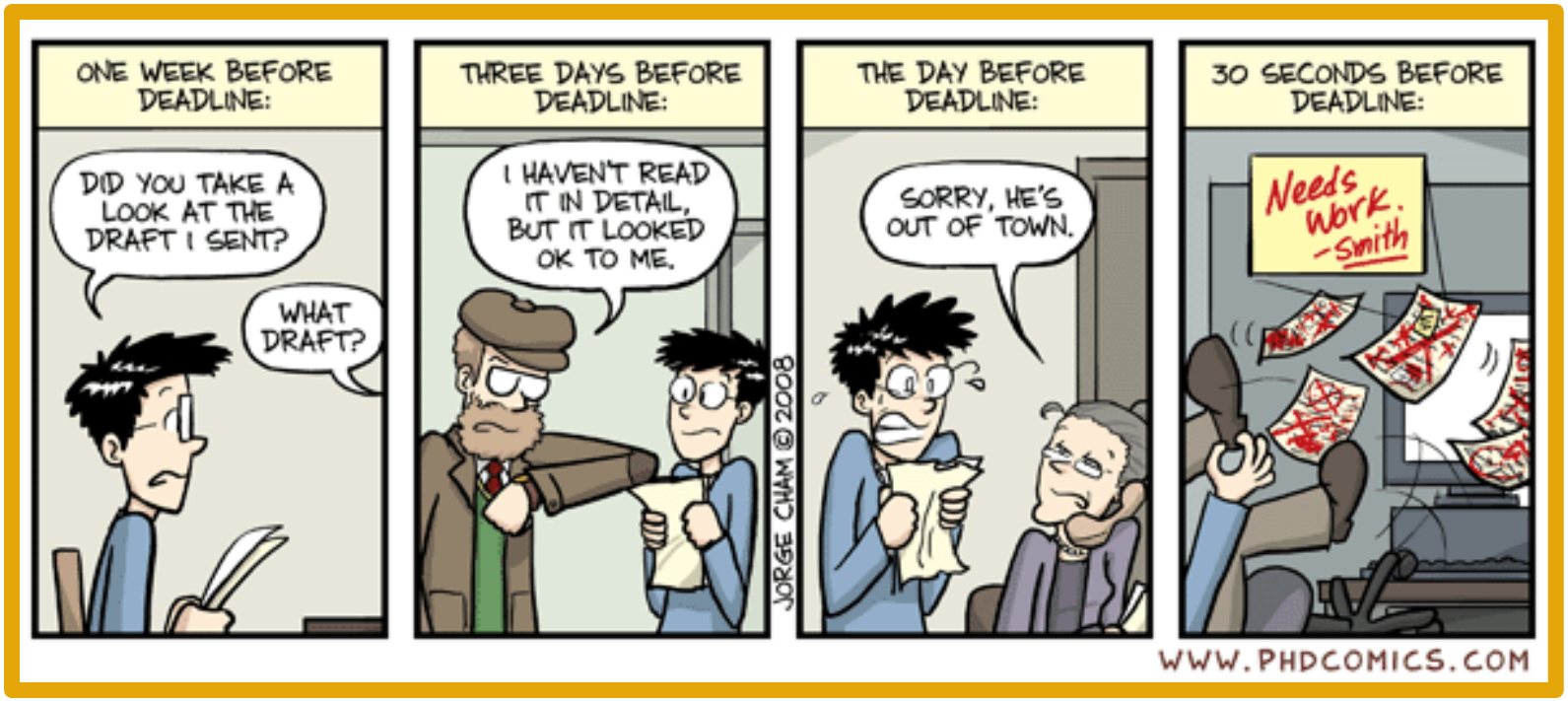
Purpose

- **Who are YOU ?**
- **How does the fellowship fit your purpose & plan?**
- **How does your purpose fit with the fellowship purpose?**

PEOPLE


ONE WEEK BEFORE DEADLINE:
DID YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE DRAFT I SENT?
WHAT DRAFT?
THREE DAYS BEFORE DEADLINE:
I HAVEN'T READ IT IN DETAIL, BUT IT LOOKED OK TO ME.
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THE DAY BEFORE DEADLINE:
SORRY, HE'S OUT OF TOWN.
30 SECONDS BEFORE DEADLINE:
Needs work. -Smith
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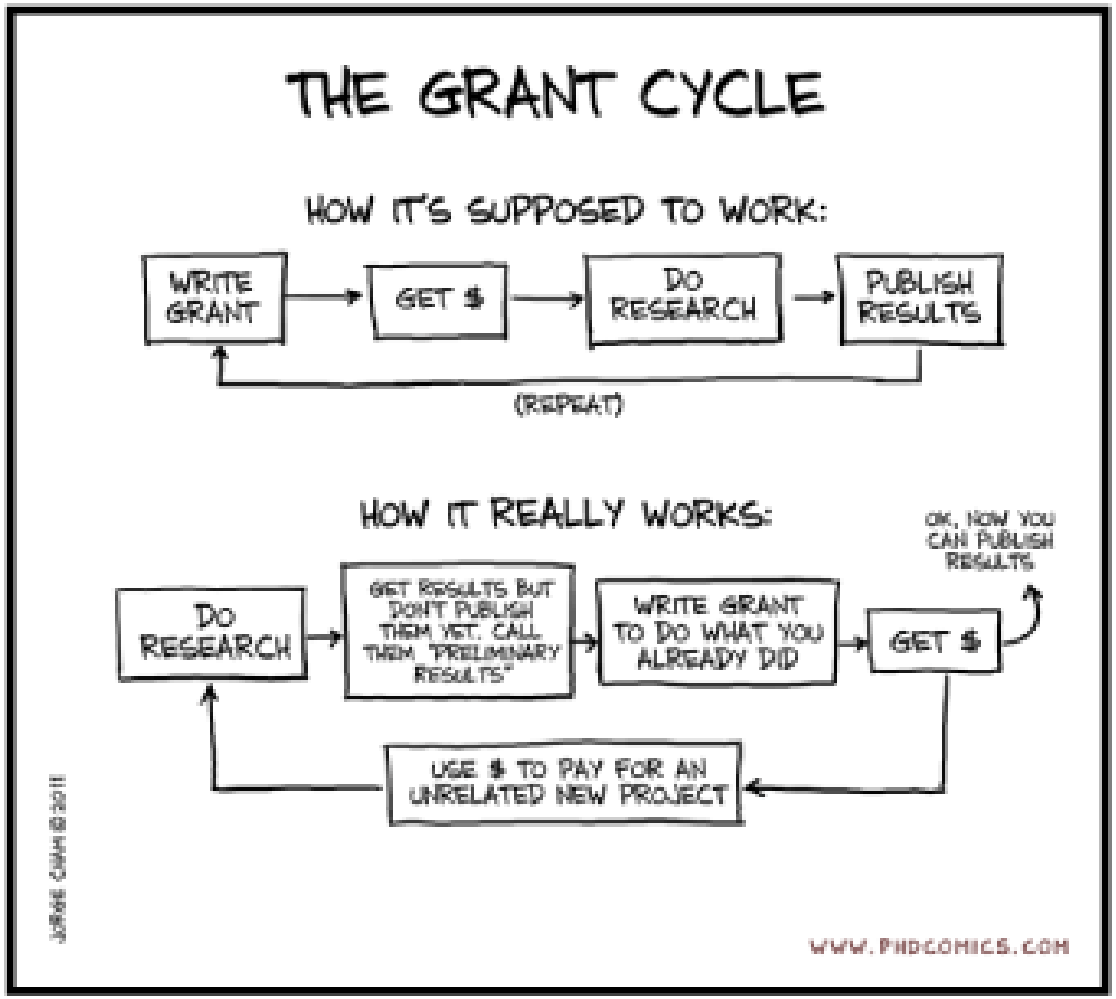
People

- **Who are the people who will play a role in you submitting?**

- **Who should you notify of your plans to submit?**
  - **Advisor**
  - **Committee members**
  - **Office of Graduate Fellowships**
  - **Previous fellowship awardees**
  - **Research Supporters (support letters/artifacts)**

PROCESSES



"Piled Higher and Deeper" by Jorge Cham
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Process – Planning

- **Start planning early**
  - **Conduct your fellowship search early, consider pre-dissertation awards.**
  - **Look early to see what typical awards are requesting of applicants.**
  - **Keep an updated record of your activities and research involvement (CV)**
- **Use the lengthy process to your advantage**

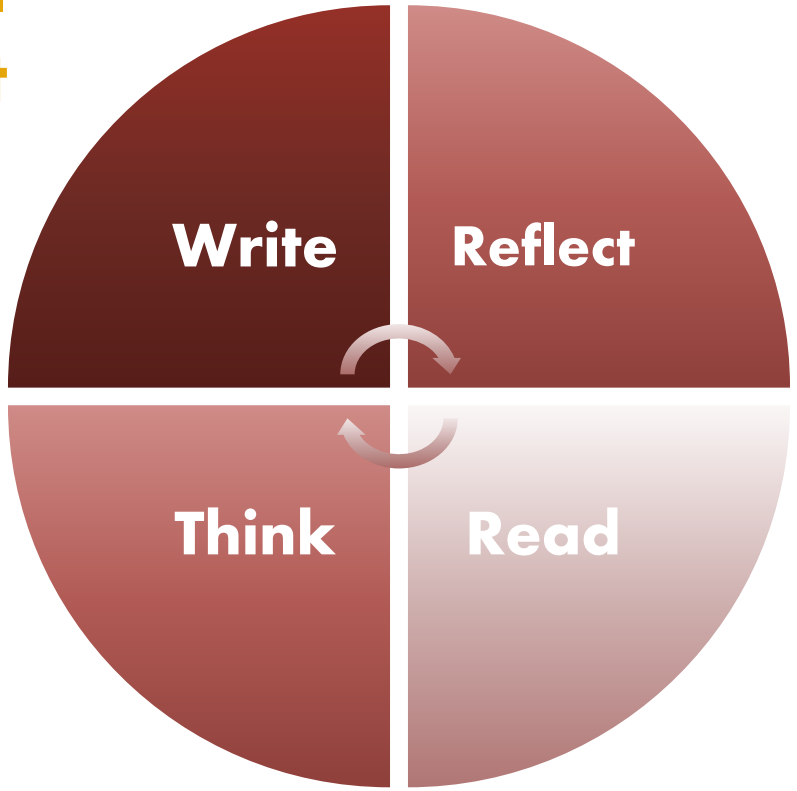
Process – Writing

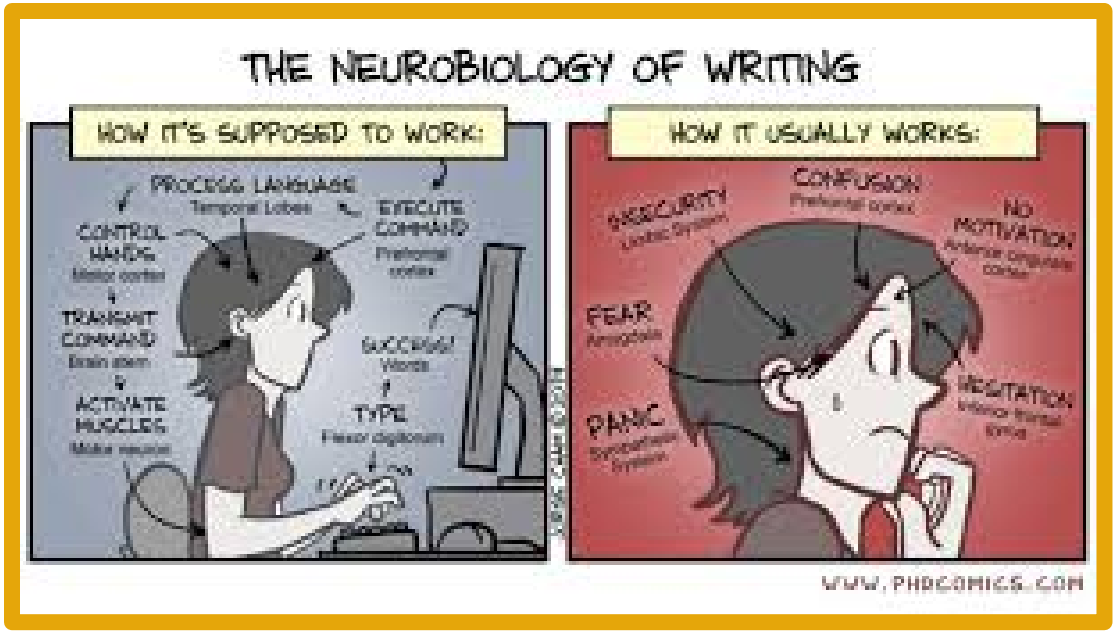
Learn the language of the tribe.

Original Idea from Dannelle Stevens

"Writing requires reflection and the process of reading-reflecting-writing will help you clarify what you are thinking."

(Jesson, Matheson, & Lacey, 2011, p. 58-59)




THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF WRITING
HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK:
PROCESS LANGUAGE
Temporal Lobes
EXECUTE COMMAND
Prefrontal cortex
CONTROL HANDS
Motor cortex
TRANSMIT COMMAND
Brain stem
ACTIVATE MUSCLES
Motor neurons
SUCCESS!
Words
TYPE
Flexor digitorum
HOW IT USUALLY WORKS:
INSECURITY
Limbic System
CONFUSION
Prefrontal cortex
NO MOTIVATION
Anterior cingulate cortex
FEAR
Amygdala
PANIC
Sympathetic System
HESITATION
Inferior frontal gyrus
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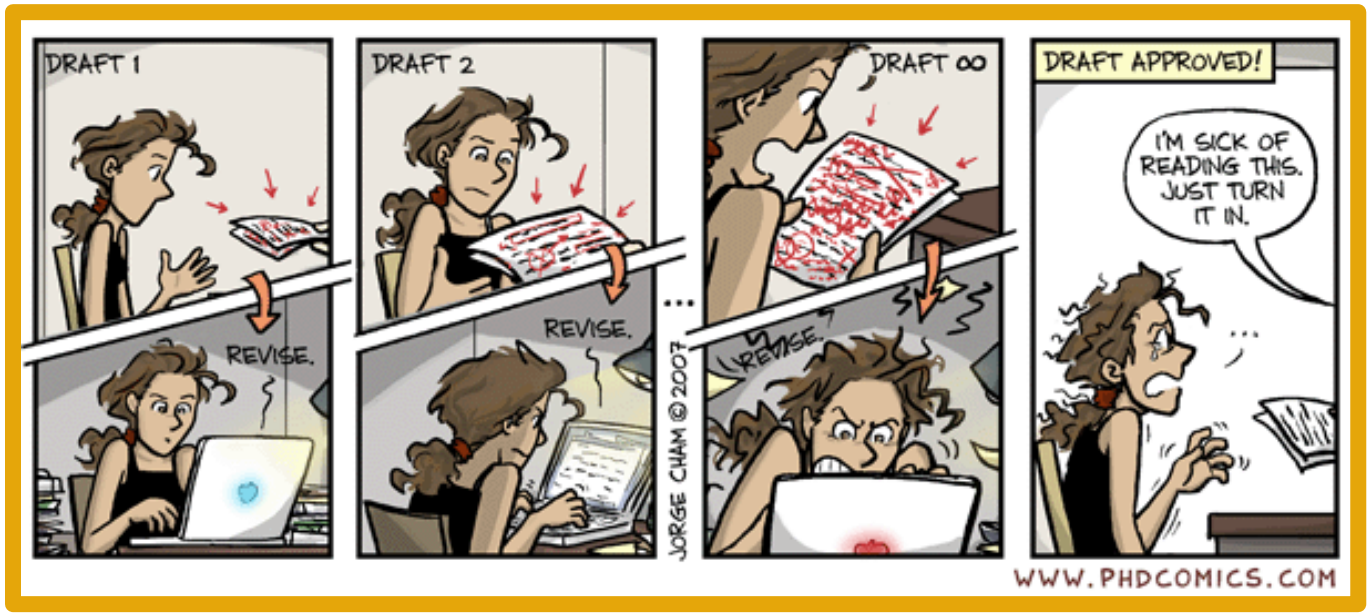
Process – Budgeting

- **Time – Balance feasibility and ambition**
  - **Consider the timeline requirements of the fellowship**

- **Money – Consider all the things you may need to complete your project and ask for ideas.**
  - **People**
  - **Technology (hardware and software)**
  - **Association memberships and travel**

PRESENTATION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REVISE.
DRAFT 2
REVISE.
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REVISE.
DRAFT APPROVED!
I'M SICK OF READING THIS. JUST TURN IT IN.
...
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Presentation

- Check (and recheck) for grammar mistakes, interruptions in writing flow, or style.
- Draft in Word first.
- Use a common format for your field of study, e.g. APA.
- Use examples from previous grant applications
- Use appendices wisely!

QUESTIONS?