Grant-Writing Strategies for Computational Methods Development

Lisa D. Brooks, Ph.D.

Program Director (retired)

Genomic Variation Program, NHGRI





2023 International Statistical Genetics Workshop





Introduction

 Lots of general information on NIH grant writing https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-applyapplication-guide/format-and-write/write-yourapplication.htm

Today: grant-writing strategies for

statistical genetics methods development



General analysis methods as resources

 Developing general analysis methods vs applying analysis methods to specific diseases

Analysis methods as resources – multiple diseases

Not hypothesis-driven



Evaluation of applications

- Importance of the problem
 Apply to many diseases / conditions?
 Enduring value of the work
 Compare other methods sometimes better
- Technical competence of the methods Power calculations
 - Understanding data errors
- Innovation (more or less)



Other topics

Human subjects – explain either way

Diverse populations

Data and software sharing – broad is good!

