**Who is eligible for Hanover's Services?**
Applicants must be a faculty member with a primary appointment at the University of Miami.

**What type of proposals are appropriate for Hanover to critique?**
Hanover Research will work with new submissions, resubmission proposals, and competing renewal applications. Their expertise is to review a wide range of proposals, from individual grants (e.g., K, R01, R21, R03) to program project, center, and institutional training grants (e.g., U, P and T). Hanover also has the benefit of having a team of consultants that can be brought in on a project-by-project basis, if needed.

**What types of funding sources are considered for Hanover services?**
All funding sources will be considered.

**Is there a cost to utilize Hanover services?**
There is no cost to use their services.

**How are projects selected for the Hanover queue?**
The OVPR/EDR/CTSI manage the pipeline of applications submitted for Hanover Research reviews. Several factors are taken into consideration when evaluating projects for Hanover Research, including but not limited to the faculty member's willingness to share proposal materials and honor agreed-upon deadlines, the completeness of proposal documents, sponsor deadlines, and current pipeline capacity. Every effort is made to accommodate all grant requests for Hanover services, but there is an overall limitation on the number of projects they can review. Some projects may be referred to other internal grant writing support offerings due to this limitation as well as finding the right mechanism of support to give investigators the best chance for submitting a grant that is funded.

**What is the MSOM opportunity prioritizing?**
This opportunity will prioritize submissions from early career investigators as well as grant resubmissions. The CTSI and EDR both focus on increasing support for junior faculty to give them an opportunity of being successful independent investigators. Support may be provided to investigators who are applying for their first R grant and want to have a thorough review, but also on enhancing resubmissions into fundable grants.

**Do I need to have the full grant completed for the internal review?**
For the MSOM application, investigators must submit the grant’s specific aims, research strategy and budget. For resubmissions of unfunded proposals and competing renewal applications, investigators will also be asked to provide a copy of the original submission along with reviewers’ comments (e.g., summary statement).

**How does Hanover approach proposal critiques?**
Hanover makes no claim that its grants consultants are subject matter experts who can evaluate the specific science underpinning a research proposal. Rather, Hanover’s value lies in its understanding of proposal and agency nuances that can help investigators competitively reframe proposals in response to a specific solicitation. Hanover seeks to achieve cohesion in the grant narrative and to align the proposal with funding requirements. A Hanover grant consultant may address general scientific elements of a proposal, such as:

- **Construct or structure of the hypothesis and methodology:** While Hanover does not purport to provide “scientific reviews” that evaluate the specific science underpinning proposals, its grants consultants will flag where they think research questions, aims, and hypotheses could be strengthened and better aligned.
- **Literature review:** Hanover grants consultants will note places where a citation is needed and has not been included.
- **Clarity and focus:** When Hanover suspects that narrative content lacks sufficient clarity, consistency, or rigor, Hanover grants consultants will pose questions to encourage the investigator to verify the science, and/or suggest a review by a senior colleague or program officer.

**How does Hanover work with each PI?**
After a project is accepted in Hanover Research’s pipeline, Hanover Research emails the investigator to introduce the assigned grants consultant. Consultation sessions are generally one hour in length and take place via conference call. For proposal review and revision services, Hanover Research first schedules a project initiation conference call prior to the start of work. Project initiation calls give the investigator an opportunity to discuss specific areas of concern with the assigned grants consultant and to share reviewer feedback (if available). After Hanover releases its deliverables, the investigator is afforded the opportunity for a debrief conference call to discuss Hanover’s critique and to address any outstanding questions or concerns.

**What parts of a research proposal will Hanover critique?**
Hanover’s proposal critiques focus on the narrative components of research proposals – namely the specific aims page, research strategy, and (for resubmissions) the introduction. For resubmission proposals, investigators should also be prepared to provide a copy of the unfunded proposal along with reviewer feedback.

**How does Hanover protect the confidentiality of investigator materials?**
Any proposal materials that an investigator shares with Hanover remain confidential. Materials will only be shared with the Hanover content director and the single consultant working on their proposal.

**How long does the entire Hanover service process take?**
Seven weeks is the estimated timeframe from the time of internal UM submission of an application to the time that it's back in the investigator's hands. This allows the internal
UM review committee time to review, and Hanover time for the proposal review and to work with investigators one-on-one and get back with a revised grant submission.

**Are Hanover consultants included as significant contributors in a grant submission?**

No, Hanover consultants are not written into the proposals as scientific experts. The feedback being provided is from a grantsmanship, not an agency perspective. Hanover can speak to the general approach to the science and the way the project is developed, but they don't do a deep dive into the hard science. If interested in more of a scientific review, there are other grant writing opportunities available through the CTSI and EDR here: [http://miamictsi.org/education/grant-writing](http://miamictsi.org/education/grant-writing)

**Does UM offer grant prospecting to the junior faculty?**

The OVPR sends out announcements regarding various opportunities. Reaching out to peers and mentor(s) can also be a great source of information for grant mechanism opportunities. The University also has a link to search for funding sources here: [https://www.uresearch.miami.edu/funding-opportunities/](https://www.uresearch.miami.edu/funding-opportunities/)

**Who do I contact if I have questions about the Hanover Research opportunities?**

There are two different application mechanisms.

- If you are a MSOM faculty member submitting a first-time grant or resubmission application, then you should apply to this application: [https://miami.infoready4.com/#manageCompetitionsDetail/1814819](https://miami.infoready4.com/#manageCompetitionsDetail/1814819)
  
  Further questions may be addressed to Maya Diaz at mxd1295@med.miami.edu.

- If you are a University faculty member working on a large grant (e.g., research grants, program project/center grants, resource grants, federal and state funding, foundations funding), or an interdisciplinary team from across the University, you should apply to this application: [https://miami.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1806023](https://miami.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1806023)
  
  Further questions may be addressed to Ali Mosser at amosser@med.miami.edu.

**Are there other external grant review services besides Hanover that UM offers?**

Hanover can sometimes be the right answer for the support that you need. However, the EDR has an internal funding mechanism for external editing support of scientific grants. For further details, please visit: [https://miami.infoready4.com/](https://miami.infoready4.com/)