

Common FAME Grant Pitfalls

- Lacking succinct description of current state and gap in knowledge/practice that creates critical need for proposed project
- Proposal is overly ambitious in terms of scope.
- Little detail is given regarding methods, for example:
 - Feasibility of recruitment
 - Validity of proposed assessment instruments
 - Clear timeline to achieve milestones
- Lack of clear experience in subject area by applicant or institutional support for project (impacts feasibility)
- Not including a clear statistical analysis plan (if relevant)
- Not including a discussion of strategies to overcome potential barriers to achieving project goals
- Need for clear mentoring plan with experienced mentor (aim for at least monthly meetings with mentor)