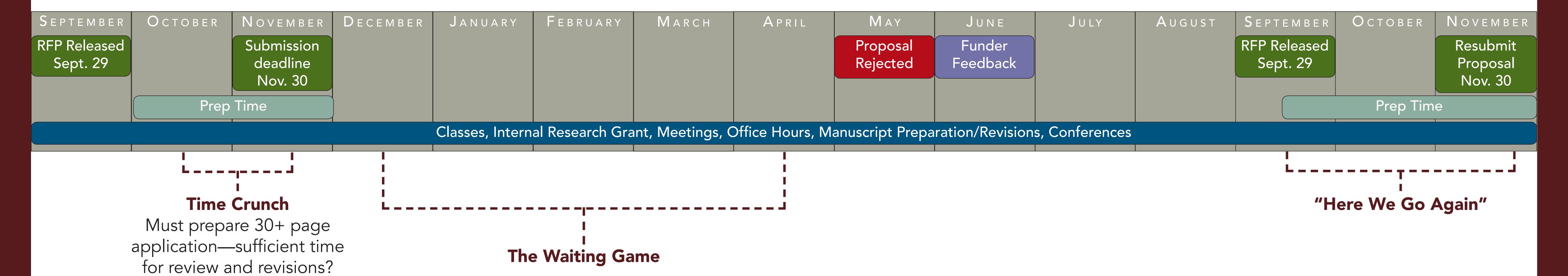
A BETTER INVESTMENT OF TIME & EFFORT: SELLING FACULTY RESEARCH TO TARGETED FUNDERS

TRADITIONAL REACTIVE PROCESS TO SEEK EXTERNAL FUNDING



Most precious commodity

Most common barrier to high-quality, competitive submission



How Do We Get Around the Time Barrier?



BE PROACTIVE!

- Work Plan
- Concept (White) Paper
- Targeted Funder(s)

BE PROACTIVE! USE CONCEPT PAPER TO SELL PROJECT TO FUNDERS

Establish Research Team

- ✓ team members with aligned long-term research agenda
- ✓ must "play well" together

Develop Work Plan

- ✓ describe problem/need/gap being addressed
- ✓ operationalize project (scope of work)
- ✓ identify collaborators/resources necessary for success
- ✓ determine budget and project period

Identify Targeted Funder(s)

- ✓ match problem to funder priorities
- ✓ budget consistent with previous awards

Prepare & Submit Concept Paper(s)

- ✓ sales pitch linked to funder priorities
- ✓ significance of problem/need/gap
- ✓ how project outcomes address problem/need/gap
- ✓ broader impact of findings beyond project period

IMPROVES EFFICIENCY & EFFECTIVENESS

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Passion

VS



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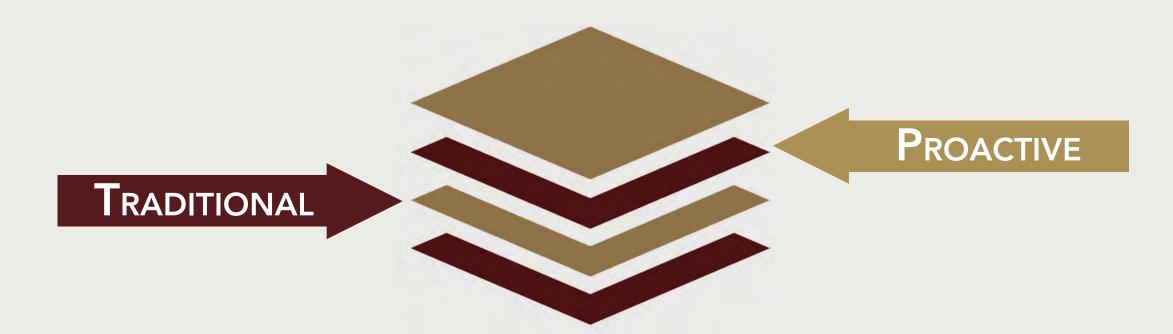
- Start with research passion
- Define work faculty <u>wants</u> to do
- Present to funder
- If necessary, THEN adjust scope of work to fit funder parameters

SAVES TIME



- Rather prepare 1-2 or 30+ pages?
- Eliminates the waiting game for feedback
- Conversation with funder about strengths and suggested changes (i.e., reviewer comments)
- Funder identifies next step

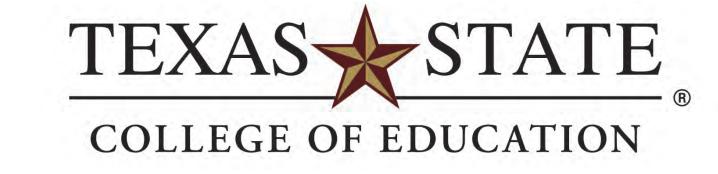
INCREASES COMPETITIVENESS



- Next submission is a "resubmission"
- Funder will have a connection to proposal
- Easier for funder to recommend award



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