Hints and Tips for Developing a Strong Proposal

Timeline

It is MUCH easier to read a bulleted list or table than a paragraph of text. It is STRONGLY recommended that you use one of the following timeline formats for your proposal. The timeline should be a very brief summary of your project design/methods/tasks section. If you find yourself writing full sentences in the timeline, you probably need to move this info to the design/methods section.

EXAMPLE 1 - Project Timeline:

April – June continue review of current literature, intense background research

July excavation of site at Habitation Crève Coeur August – November analysis of statistical data from the site

October – March writing and revising of report

January - May prep for conferences and publications

EXAMPLE 2 - Project Timeline:

	Project Months													
Task description	April	Мау	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Мау
continue review of current literature, intense background research	Х	х	Х											
excavation of site at Habitation Crève Coeur				Χ										
analysis of statistical data from the site					Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ						
writing and revising of report							Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Prep for conferences and publications										Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ