



Where Do I Put the Information I Know You'd Want, But Didn't Ask For?

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You want to give staff and reviewers ALL the information you think they need to provide a thorough review of your proposal. There is certainly nothing wrong with that - right? Well, it depends. The application guide and funding opportunity announcement provide very specific guidance on what to include in your application and, in some cases, there are page limits you must stay within to convey the requested information.

If you have information that doesn't fit in page-limited attachments like your Specific Aims and Research Strategy, rework those attachments until you tell the best story possible within the confines of the page limits. Do not try to stuff that extra information into other non-limited fields of the application forms. Similarly, if you have information that doesn't have a "natural home" based on our instructions, don't include it.

There are several form fields with tempting names like "Appendix," "Other Attachments," "Other Requested Information," and "Other Clinical Trial-related Attachments." DO NOT use those fields unless requested to do so in the application guide or announcement.

Why not? Even if you have the best of intentions, you need to resist the temptation to force fit information into your application where it doesn't belong. The page limits and guidance are there for fairness and you may find your application pulled from consideration if you try to get around them ([NOT-OD-11-080](#))