



Letter of intent instructions 2026

A Letter of Intent must be submitted by midnight of **April 1st 2026** in order to be considered for a full proposal submission. This letter will include an abstract that contains the following components:

Specific aims and hypothesis

Background and clinical significance

Research design and methods

Specific aims: Describe concisely and realistically what the research is intended to accomplish. List the specific research hypotheses. Give hypotheses when possible.

Background and significance: Critically evaluate the existing literature and identify existing shortcomings. Only consider the most important literature. Do NOT simply give a list of all literature on the topic. Discuss the clinical importance and relevance to the strengths and weaknesses of MDT.

Research design and methods: Describe the research design and the methods to accomplish the listed specific aims. The methods should, at least, include the following topics:

subjects – include description of the population sample, inclusion/exclusion criteria, recruitment method, power analysis to support sample size

data collection – identification of independent and dependent variables, outcome measures including reliability and validity, description of raters and rating instruments where applicable

data analysis – identify appropriate statistical analyses

A detailed budget itemizing and justifying all costs is required.

Maximum length is two pages. *References* do not count toward the page count.

