The primary focus of Health Research Associates grantsmanship seminars is on strategies for NIH funding with an emphasis on writing for the reviewers. Topics include:

- Specific aims that test predictions based on meaningful hypotheses about mechanisms that drive important functional relationships
- The Research Plan
- Peer review, priority scores and funding
- Importance of your biographical sketch
- Revision and resubmission
- Special problems of clinical research
- Persistence pays

The target participants for this program are:

- Investigators who are (or should be) writing their first grant proposal
- Investigators who have already submitted research grant proposals
- Funded investigators who are preparing to renew their grant for an ongoing research project

Suggested readings:

- Barker, Kathy. At the Helm – A Laboratory Navigator. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2002