Training experience

- Not a grant proposal
- Unique training experience
- Concrete evidence of productivity and professional development
- Emphasize richness of training environment beyond lab
Impact

- Enhance candidate’s potential for and commitment to an independent research career?

- Applicant qualifications
  - Grades
  - Goals
  - Professional qualifications and accomplishments

- Training environment
  - Sponsor qualifications
  - Institutional commitment
  - Training potential
Sponsor selection

- Well matched with training goals
- Well established and well funded scholar
- Experienced mentor
- Not overcommitted

Judicious use of co-sponsors!
Feasibility

- Time
- Funding
- Participant availability
- Equipment
- Expertise
Additional considerations

- Ethical conduct of research
- Reference letters
- Timeline and effort allocation