

# **“MOCK” STUDY SECTION VIDEO:**

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**Review Examples of:**

**R01 Research Grant**

**R03 Small Innovative Grant**

**K08 Career Development Grant**

# **MOST COMMON WEAKNESSES OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- **LACK OF NEW OR ORIGINAL IDEAS**
- **ABSENCE OF AN ACCEPTABLE SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE**
- **LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN THE ESSENTIAL METHODOLOGY**
- **QUESTIONABLE REASONING IN EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH**
- **UNCRITICAL APPROACH**
- **DIFFUSE, SUPERFICIAL, OR UNFOCUSED RESEARCH PLAN**
- **LACK OF SUFFICIENT EXPERIMENTAL DETAIL**
- **LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLISHED RELEVANT WORK**
- **UNREALISTICALLY LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK**
- **UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING FUTURE DIRECTIONS**