Some Suggestions for Maximizing Your Chances for Funding:

- State your hypotheses clearly with ways and means of testing them.
- Carefully proofread the application before submission. If English is not your first language, have a native English speaker proof it as well.
- Submit a spare (but realistic) budget. Find out from other researchers what they have spent on lodging, food, and transportation in your study area.
- Review and accurately cite related literature thoroughly.
- Provide assurances that necessary permits and visas are obtainable. Provide letters of permission for study of museum collections.
- For archaeological research, include sections, fossil lists, lithic lists, latitude and longitude coordinates, and an accurate map.
- When feasible, carry out and provide results of a pilot study.