**RESEARCH PLAN**

*Starting with this page, describe your research plan following the outline below:*

1. Specific Aims

2. Significance

3. Preliminary Studies

4. Experimental Design and Methods

* If your project involves human research participants, describe inclusion/exclusion criteria, number of persons to be recruited/ enrolled, their age range, and how their confidentiality will be protected.
* If your project involves vertebrate animals, describe what animals you will use and why, facilities and veterinary care, methods to reduce distress and provide pain relief, and justification for euthanasia if applicable.
* Remember to describe your statistical analysis plan and justify your proposed sample size.

***The Research Plan is strictly limited to four pages. Follow NIH guidelines for typeface and size (minimum 11-point type).***

**LITERATURE CITED**

*This section begins after the last page of your Research Plan. There is no page limit for literature cited.*

***Please delete all instructions before submitting your proposal.***