My experience applying to F31

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My application

- Title: Modeling Dental Disease Progression in a Longitudinal Study
- Institute: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- Mentoring Team
 - Sponsor: Kerrie Nelson
 - Co-Sponsors: Liz Kaye (Dental School), Howard Cabral
 - Contributor: Josee Dupuis
- Submitted for April 8, 2017 cycle
 - Need to submit to BU Office of Sponsoring Program (OSP) a week prior to NIH deadline
- Awarded in September, 2017

To Do

- Notify your intention to
 - Josee Dupuis (Department Chair)
 - Cynthia Korhonen (Grant Manager)
 - Ginger Quinn (Financial Manager)
- Change eRA commons status
 - You to "Principle Investigator"
 - Sponsor to "Sponsor"
 - https://www.bu.edu/researchsupport/forms-policies/request-for-era-commons-access/

Pros and Cons of Applying

- Pros
 - Able to think through your dissertation
 - If awarded, you can work on your dissertation full time
 - Looks great on your CV
- Cons
 - Requires a lot of work
 - Need to prioritize preparing the application
 - pause/slow down on dissertation progress

Timeline

12/2016	 Literature review Began writing the application (Start with Specific Aims)
1-3/2017	Read info on F31Write, write, write
3/2017	 Circulated draft to mentoring team Gina and Laura White also reviewed
3/31/2017	Submitted to OSP Reference letters submitted through eRA commons
4/7/2017	Submitted to NIH

Timeline continued

6/15/2017	Scientific Review Group (Study Section) met
6/19/2017	• Score posted
7/5/2017	Summary Statements posted
7/11/2017	Phone call with Program Officer
8/1/2017	Received email that my application was selected for funding, pending Just in Time (JIT)

Timeline continued

