Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute KL2 Program

Grant Writing for Clinical and Translational Researchers (M430)

Session 4. Research Strategy-1: Importance of the Research (Significance & Innovation)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
8:00 am – 10:00 am

https://meetmsk.zoom.us/j/93107434336

Meeting ID: 931 0743 4336

AGENDA

1. Check-In (All)

2. Discussion and feedback on Specific Aims (Version 1) (All)

    a. **Breakout Room work**: Provide feedback on Specific Aims to colleagues (20 min)

    Assignments: Room 1: Joshua Budhu & Stephanie Gerstberger

    Room 2: George Li & Alexander Goglia

    Room 3: Marion Liu & Kanayo Nwankwo

    Room 4: Chenyang Zhan & Joshua Schoenfeld

    b. **Group discussion:** Challenges with Specific Aims (Milner and Lakoski, 30 min)

    c. Next steps:
        i. Following close of session today, send suggested edits via track changes to your assigned partner(s)
        ii. Based on feedback, revise Specific Aims (Version 2)

3. Presentation: **Significance and Innovation (**Milner and Lakoski: 20 min)
    a. **Breakout Room work**: Significance discussion (10 min)
    b. **Breakout Room work**: Innovation discussion (10 min)
    c. **Group Discussion**: (10 min)

4. Action Items:
    a. Please revise your Specific Aims (Version 2) and post in Moodle by **Friday, October 16, 2026**.
    b. Draft Significance and Innovation sections and post in Moodle by **Friday, October 16, 2026**.
    c. Identify one key figure/diagram/data that is central for your research plan to share with the group at the next full group session on October 20, 2026.

Reminder: Session 6 for ALL will meet on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Note: Session 5 will be held for K applicants *only* on October 6, 2026