

Program Overview: Grant Writing Workshop

Aim of this workshop is to get familiar with the three steps in the scientific grant process (grant preparation, grant writing, as well as review and responses). After the workshop you should have learned how to develop a competitive grant proposal and which partners/funders to contact.

The first part will focus on the preparation phase and includes:

- Find a good scientific idea
- Develop a short and precise concept
- Discuss this concept with colleagues/mentors
- Search for similar ideas: Base for state of the art
- Find the right funding agency
- Search for partners
- Time plan

The second part will explain the main steps during the writing process:

- Structure of the application
- Title and Acronym
- Formulation of the target/goal
- Defining good hypotheses
- State of the art
- Work program
- Impact/sustainability of the project
- Evaluation criteria and quality concept
- Finance planning

The last part prepares you for the post-writing phase:

- What happens after submission?
- How do reviewers look at the proposal?
- Competitors/quotas/reasons for refusal
- Analysis of errors after rejection
- Reapplication
- Example: German research foundation (DFG)

The input is provided generally, e.g. not for one specific funding agency. A lot of time is dedicated to individual work on each participants grant idea and will be sharpened in groups of participants with support by the trainer.