Workshop: Writing successful research proposals (Online)

Date & Time: Mon, 16 November & Fri, 20 November & Mon, 23 November 2020, 09.00–13.00 h each day

The workshop is offered at three individual days with 4 hrs of working each. This schedule offers sufficient time to work on your individual proposals. You will get feedback on your proposals on 30 November 2020 by individual appointments.

Venue: Online via Zoom

Target group: Postdoctoral researchers of all research fields of the UA Ruhr

Trainers: Dr. Babette Regierer & Dr. Susanne Hollmann

Register by 2 November 2020: https://eveeno.com/postdoc-2021-proposal (max. 12 participants)

Workshop Description

During this online course, the participants receive an introduction to fundamental principles, tools and methods of proposal writing to get their research funded. Based on the training material, interactive discussions and relevant examples the participants learn how to develop a research idea into a project proposal and matching it to the goals of a targeted funding program. Integrated exercises help participants to structure proposals that comply with funding agency requirements and reflect the reading behaviour of reviewers.

The participants work on written two-page outlines of their own funding ideas (“mini-proposals”) which are submitted to the trainer two weeks before the workshop. Participants improve their mini-proposals throughout the workshop and receive trainers’ individual feedback on their proposal structure, content and language use.

The participants experience how to

- View proposal writing as a competition in a marketplace of research ideas and as an instrument for career advancement.
- Develop and sell a research idea by matching it to the goals of the targeted funding body.
- Convince reviewers of the relevance and importance of the research idea.
- Develop a work plan with milestones, deliverables and contingency plans.
- Understand reviewers’ reading behaviour.
- Understand the basic structure of the application with its three pillars (Excellence in science, Impact and Implementation).
- Engage the reviewer as an advocate for their project proposal.
- Comply with formalities and manage timelines and deadlines.
This online course consists of 3 modules of 4 hours each. In an additional personalized session the participants receive individual feedback from the trainer how to improve their mini-proposal.

**Trainers**

*Dr. Babette Regierer & Dr. Susanne Hollmann* worked as professional proposal writers with more than 15 years of active participation in project development, design, and writing of successful, competitive project proposals for national and international funding programs.