

## *Proposal Writing Workshop*

### *Description*

This two-day workshop takes a practical approach to teaching researchers in the life sciences how to apply for third-party funding. The workshop can be tailored to the specific funding needs of either doctoral students or postdoctoral researchers. Through examples and relevant exercises as well as class discussions, each participant learns how to develop their funding idea by matching it to the goals of a targeted funding program. As a starting point, the workshop uses participants' written outlines of their own funding ideas. Group exercises help participants not only to structure proposals that comply with funding agency requirements but also to write proposals that reflect the reading behaviour of reviewers. The interactive nature of the workshop is designed to pool the experience, ideas and opinions of the instructors with those of the students in order to enhance the learning experience for all participants.

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### *Requirements*

Before the workshop, participants are asked to submit a 1-2 page "mini-proposal" that outlines their funding idea. For example, the mini-proposal could be an application to fund either a postdoctoral research project or the organisation of a meeting or symposium. Participants improve their mini-proposals throughout the workshop and receive instructors' feedback on their proposal's structure, content and language use.

To prepare for the workshop, each participant will be assigned a funding program to research using a short-list of criteria. These funding programs will be chosen in advance to reflect the specific interests of workshop participants.

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