

PhD Course

Funding Opportunities & Drafting a Research Proposal

Block Course:

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Course Overview: This course is designed for researchers who are looking for a way to finance an already existing idea and need assistance completing the proposal.

The first part of the workshop will provide the fellows with information about the structure of research funding in Germany. Particular emphasis will be placed on differences in the logic of funding programs (what should be funded and why?) and on the requirements and formalities of each individual application.

Building on this basis, the workshop will then focus on the concrete development and improvement of individual project proposals. Questions regarding the conceptual design and contents (positioning within the field of research, justification strategies) of the proposal will be discussed and reflected during small group work with the help of the trainer.

This workshop is prepared and conducted according to the precise individual needs of the fellows. Hence ca. 3 weeks before the workshop begins, the participants will be asked to submit an initial outline of their project ideas and to answer questions about their specific expectations and wishes for the workshop.

Topics:

- 1) How do I find the funding framework that suits my project?
 - Opportunities for grant applications: institutions and scope of the programmes
 - Systematic research: Taking advantage of different sources of information
- 2) Prerequisites and formalities for proposal submission and checklist for preparing proposals
- 3) Crafting a proposal
 - Goal definition: What is the respective project supposed to achieve?
 - Positioning within the specific research context and development of justification strategies

Teaching language: English