

Grant Writing Training, full-day (7h) workshop

The training aims to support researchers to gain understanding of the pillars of successful grant writing.

At ttopstart, we have written hundreds of funding proposals and successfully secured funding for hundreds of research projects, including individual grants such as VENI, MSCA to ERC, and consortium grants such as NWO, KWF, TKI to Horizon Europe and EU4Health. We use our knowledge and experience in a 1-day interactive workshop on grant writing.

The workshop focuses on how to write successful proposals, and we ensure that participants get a better understanding of our FFWD methodology (described below), and how it can be used for any type of grants. Essentially, we share our knowledge and experience in applying the FFWD methodology and supporting tools such as the Big Pyramid and the Minto Principle in a hands-on manner. The participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own ideas and receive feedback by our trainers on their own research proposal.

We show the basic set-up of the training below. If need be, we can adapt the planning or set-up to your needs. The workshop consists of a short introduction for each element of our FFWD methodology (FIT, FRAMEWORK, WRITE and DEVELOP), followed by interactive break-out sessions (in face-to-face trainings, participants are separated in groups). During these sessions, participants will have time to get feedback on their own written research idea (by peers and trainers) or cases and examples, while at the same time they will also provide their feedback on other participants' proposals. In this way, the training is very effective as also feedback skills are further developed. Training goals encompass learning what makes a winning proposal and what quality means, understanding the key general steps to build strong proposals, fitting of the project idea with call specifics, building an impact strategy, and making an impact with communication, dissemination, and exploitation.

Time	Topic	Content
10:00 – 10:20	Introduction	Introduction trainers and participants
10:20 – 10:40	FIT & FRAMEWORK	Theory
10:40 – 11:30	Exercise: Let's apply the BIG PYRAMID	Challenge & Solution of your abstract (groups of 3-4)
11:30 – 12:00	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
13:00 – 13:20	WRITE	Theory
13:20 – 14:15	Exercise: Minto style writing	Re-write your abstracts (groups of 3-4)
14:15 – 14:30	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
14:30 – 14:45	BREAK	
14:45 – 15:00	DEVELOPMENT (IMPACT)	Theory
15:00 – 15:30	Exercise: Impact BIG PYRAMID	Review your impact sections (groups of 3-4)
15:30 – 15:45	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
15:45 – 16:00	BREAK	
16:00 – 16:10	DEVELOPMENT (STAKEHOLDERS)	Theory
16:10 – 16:30	Exercise: Stakeholders and exploitation	Strengthen your exploitation strategy (groups of 3-4)
16:30 – 16:45	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Q&A	Final remarks & questions



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