

<b>General Information:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	March 24 - 28, 2025
<b>Teaching units (90 mins)</b>	14
<b>Location</b>	Münster
<b>Country</b>	Germany
<b>Price</b>	495 €
<b>VAT</b>	not included: + 19%
<b>Minimum Number of Participants</b>	5
<b>Accommodation</b>	not included / self organised
<b>Your trainer (name)</b>	Dr. Christine Schmidt



## Course Description

**Unleash your academic potential:** Master the art of successful research proposals! Are you ready to take your academic career to the next level? Our seminar 'Writing Successful Research Proposals' will open the door to a world of opportunities! In this intensive workshop, we reveal the secrets behind compelling research proposals:


- Delve into the 4 crucial stages of proposal writing.
- Discover the art of perfect content and structure design
- Analyse and optimise real text examples
- Gain insights into successful budgets and work plans

But that's not all! We go beyond the theory:

- Develop effective writing strategies
- Be inspired by best practice examples
- Work hands-on on your own texts

Through targeted impulses, well-founded input and constructive feedback sessions, you will not only optimise your current texts, but also develop strategies for all your future applications.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to sharpen your skills and maximise your chances of success in the academic world!

<p><b>Overall objectives of the mobility</b></p> 	<p>Strengthening the European network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The workshop provides a unique platform for postdocs from across Europe to network and build lasting professional relationships. These international contacts can lead to future collaborations, research partnerships and an extended academic network, significantly improving participants' career opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>Intercultural knowledge exchange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through exchanges with colleagues from different European countries, participants gain insights into different research cultures, methods and approaches. This intercultural knowledge transfer promotes innovative ways of thinking and broadens the postdocs' academic horizons, enriching their research work and proposal writing.</li> </ul> <p>Practical skills development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The workshop content on successful research proposal writing is made particularly valuable by the international composition of the group. Participants not only learn about general best practices, but also gain insights into country-specific requirements and particularities. This increases their chances of successful applications in various European funding programmes.</li> </ul> <p>Motivation and inspiration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The intensive exchange with like-minded postdocs from all over Europe during this week has a strong motivating and inspiring effect. Participants return to their home institutions with new ideas, fresh energy and a sharpened focus for their academic careers. This can lead to increased productivity and commitment to their research work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Added value of the mobility</b> (in the context of modernisation and internationalisation of the sending institution)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating Postdocs will be more confident and successful in planning and writing successful grant applications.</li> <li>• Meeting with Postdocs from other countries participants will work on their international network for research cooperation.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Activities to be carried out</b></p>	<p>The workshop will be highly interactive and give opportunities to exchange and contribute continuously. Methods used are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation by trainer.</li> <li>● Working in pairs and small groups.</li> <li>● Presentations by participants &amp; Feedback</li> <li>● Online resources: AI-tools</li> <li>● Please bring your own device (Laptop!)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expected impact and outcome</b></p>	<p>The aim of the workshop is to support Postdocs to approach their writing tasks in a structured and focussed manner. Therefore after the workshop they will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● know about quality criteria of grant proposals from the reviewers perspective,</li> <li>● are able to strategically structure your proposal writing activities</li> <li>● are able to apply certain language types and convincingly formulate your project idea and convey your project concept</li> <li>● have your personal writing strategy for the next grant proposals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Target Group</b></p>	<p>Postdocs from all areas</p>

## **Your Destination: Münster, Germany**

Visit and explore the beautiful city of Münster! Located in the western part of Germany, Münster is a city with many students and is characterised by cyclists, green spaces and many old buildings. A city with a peaceful and international atmosphere that also offers the opportunity to explore the nearby Ruhr area.



<b>Monday</b> 24 March	<b>Tuesday</b> 25 March	<b>Wednesday</b> 26 March	<b>Thursday</b> 27 March	<b>Friday</b> 28 March
09:00 - 12:30	09:00 - 12:30	09:00 - 12:30	09:00 - 12:30	09:00 - 12:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome! Expectations?</li> <li>● Text type 'Research grant application'</li> <li>● Short but important: the summary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Text parts of an application</li> <li>● Writing a proposal as a project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Writing techniques</li> <li>● Plan your writing time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Change of perspective</li> <li>● Review System</li> <li>● Reviewers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Best practice examples</li> <li>● Discussion and checklist</li> <li>● Transfer to own texts</li> </ul>
12:30 - 1:30	12:30 - 1:30	12:30 - 1:30	12:30 - 1:30	12:30 - 1:30
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 - 15:00	13:30 - 15:00	13:30 - 15:00	13:30 - 15:00	13:30 - 15:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Target group and language</li> <li>● Structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hands-on Planning and Structuring</li> <li>● Writing and Improving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Free time: Explore Münster!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consequences for my application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning your next steps</li> <li>● How AI can be beneficial</li> <li>● Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening