1. The Training

Next deadline for the upcoming Horizon Europa ERC CoG and AdG is on February 2 and May 23 2023. In this workshop we will discuss the ERC and panel specifics for the scientific proposal and Principal Investigator.

The ERC selection criteria applied by the panels use terms which have become familiar jargon, such as important challenge, novel concept, scientific approach and feasibility. Most of these terms are also used by other funding agencies but they are interpreted and applied differently. This workshop will explain in detail not only what these terms mean and imply under the ERC umbrella but also how the ERC panel members use these terms to discuss, assess and select project proposals. This process differs from panel to panel, for example feasibility of the scientific approach is assessed differently in social sciences from life sciences and development of a new methodology has a different meaning in social sciences from physics. What does this imply? This workshop will supply you with the necessary knowledge to better understand what kind of projects ERC is selecting for funding, and to get one step closer to obtaining an ERC grant.

In this training, we will explain in detail the meaning of the evaluation criteria related to the project. In particular, finding the balance between ambitious objectives / new concepts and feasibility will be discussed.

Furthermore, we will discuss the panel specifics concerning the quality of the CV and track-record of ERC grantees. What do panel members expect and what does this mean for the CVs of the participants? What “actions” do participants have to highlight or undertake to bring their CV in line with the expectations of the selected panel?

2. Programme Outline

You are invited to watch our on-line animated tutorial “Introduction to ERC Grants” before the training. This tutorial addresses the main principles of ERC, including eligibility criteria, panels, and evaluation criteria.

During the workshop, we will start with a brief Q&A session, addressing any possible questions about the online tutorial. The main topic of the morning programme is how to develop an excellent ERC project which addresses all the evaluation criteria related to the scientific project as well as the ERC objectives. We will also explain how to choose the right panel and keywords and how to compose your ERC team.

In the afternoon, we are going to focus on how to actually write a competitive proposal. We will start with the CV-part of the proposal, including the funding ID and the EATR / 10 YRTR, keeping in mind the different scientific backgrounds of the candidates. Next, we will address the writing of the Extended Synopsis, using our concept of the “logic tree”. We will finish the full Scientific proposal (B2) and the resources part (Forms A). We will end the day with a discussion and the opportunity to ask questions.

3. Who should attend

This workshop is primarily intended for researchers who have the ambition to submit and ERC Consolidator / Advanced grant proposal. Participants may bring a printed copy of their CV and Track Record (preferably in ERC format) to the training for a peer review.

4. Methodology

- In-house 1-day workshop at the premises of the university.
- An animated video tutorial in mp4 format providing a brief introduction to ERC grants, to be watched before the workshop.
- Access to the slides
- Access to our “Yellow Research Guide on ERC proposals”

The complete training is offered in English with no translation. All the training material will be made available via our E-learning environment.

5. Trainer

Aya van den Kroonenberg, PhD. Aya joined Yellow Research in 2013. She has more than 20 years of experience with writing and reviewing European research grants with a particular focus on individual research projects.

Our knowledge and experience in pre-submission review of individual research grants is an important aspect of our success with this training. We have been running workshops on individual grants at numerous universities in Europe as well as assisted in the pre-submission review of grant numerous proposals.

6. Date and location

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