



1. ERC Consolidator Grants call 2013

This workshop is all about making your ERC proposal the best competitive proposal. Competition for the ERC Consolidator Grant is fierce, and it is not enough to provide good science! Based on the experiences of the past five ERC calls this workshop will provide you with valuable input for writing a competitive ERC Consolidator Grant proposal.

The ERC has split the Starting and Consolidator call this year: 1 call for Starting and 1 call for Consolidator Grant. The call covers all research fields and the deadline are set for all domains. The calls for submission of proposals are:

Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant
Call 10 July 2012	Call 7 November 2012
Deadline 17 October 2012	Deadline 21 Feb 2013

The success rates per call depend on the budget and the number of submitted proposals for a specific call. Currently, the ERC is increasing every year the budget but on the other hand the number of proposals submitted is increasing due to the economic crisis. The success rate was approx. 9,6% in call 2009 (244 awarded proposals), 14,8% in call 2010 (427 awarded proposals) and 12,2% in call 2011 (486 awarded proposals). The 2012 call outcomes are still unknown.

The PhD window for Starting Grant is 2-7 years and for Consolidator Grant 7-12 years. These PhD windows can be extended by eligible career breaks up to 4,5 year as eg maternal and/or parental leave and clinical training..

The two evaluation criteria for funding are being an outstanding Principal Investigator (PI) and proposing an outstanding research project. A good understanding of the requirements described in the Guide for Applicants is essential for writing a successful competitive ERC-proposal. During the workshop we will discuss the complicated proposal format and approaches for writing and address all requirements based on successful examples. We will also discuss how to present yourself as a promising researcher and how to incorporate the evaluation criteria as eg novelty, groundbreaking and impact into your proposal and balance this with high gain/high risk but still being feasible.

2. Training objectives

To provide researchers with a good understanding of:

- the requirements of the Guide for Applicants regarding the structure and the contents of the proposal;
- the evaluation criteria and how these can be matched upon the requirements of the Guide for Applicants;
- Approaches to draft an outstanding proposal.

3. Who should attend?

The workshop will be of value for applicants as well as administrators.

4. Methodology

The seminar will be in English, with no translation. The trainers will give practical information and examine with the participants the requested information, the evaluation criteria and the best strategy for drafting the proposal. The workshop is highly interactive and periods of

discussions are included in the programme to promote exchange of views between participants and trainers. Each participant will receive an extensive guide with the information on the topics listed in the programme.

5. Trainer

Mette Skraastad PhD has extensive experience in running ERC workshops and in pre-submission review of ERC starting, consolidators and advanced grants. She has trained candidates for writing ERC proposals since the second call. Her knowledge and experience in pre-submission review of ERC proposals is an important aspect of their success in this training.

6. Programme

9.00	Opening and Introduction Experience with applying for an ERC Starting Grants
Part I	ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants
9.30	Lessons learned from evaluation procedure and outcomes
10.45	Coffee Break
Part II	How to write a successful ERC-proposal
11.00	Principal Investigator The key elements for Curriculum Vitae including Funding ID, Early Achievement Track Record and assessment of career achievements.
12.00	Lunch break
Part III	Extended Synopsis The Extended Synopsis is a 5 page summary of the Scientific Proposal with an emphasis on the ground breaking nature and feasibility of the proposal and how the outcomes of the research will impact further research.
Part IV	Scientific Proposal Objectives, State-of-the-Art, Methodology, Resources and approaches addressing novelty, originality, creativity and utility of the project are discussed. In details we will address 1) novel and groundbreaking aspects, 2) the high gain and high risk balance and the link to feasibility, 3) the envisioned impact on future research and possibilities of utility, 4) methodology description, 5) project plan and structure with intermediate goals and back-up plans and 5) how to match the evaluation criterion with the project template.
15.30	Wrap up: Individual questions and answers

7. Date, Location, Booking

Date	23 October 2012
Time	09.00 – 16.00
Location	University of Oslo, Georg Sverdrups building, Auditorium 2
Booking	Registration at the latest October 20. Contactperson: Per ivar Høvring (e-mail: pih@rcn.no , tel: 22037565).