

## Grant Writing for Scientists

When: September 6-7 and October 10, 2022

Where: live online

Target group: Postdocs

Language: English

Participants: 14

Trainer: Dr. Christina Schütte, ProSciencia Beratungs GmbH, Lübeck

Registration: [pact-event@geomar.de](mailto:pact-event@geomar.de)

### Course objectives:

- Obtaining a thorough understanding of how successful grant applications are written
- Learning to write readable texts in English
- Understanding the reviewing process for grant applications
- Gaining practical experience in writing and evaluating grant applications
- Obtaining an overview over funding agencies and funding opportunities

### Course content:

The aim of this course is to familiarize participants with the strategies for writing successful grant / fellowship applications to various funding bodies. It consists of lecture-style sequences with active participation by the audience dealing with the theory of good scientific writing, the basics of grant applications and the principles of different funding bodies, as well as hands-on exercises on aim definition, structuring a work plan and writing a grant summary. Additional information and exercises on writing good scientific texts in English will deepen the writing experience.

In the online version of the workshop, participants will take part in two half-day online seminars (about 4 hours each) in which the topics are discussed and deepened in exercises. This will be followed by another online event approx. 4 weeks later for the evaluation exercise. For this, participants will be asked to prepare a short “mini-grant application” (3-5 pages + Scientific CV). These applications will then be sent to a group of other participants to be evaluated individually before the course. In the final

session, groups of participants will then join their impressions on the proposals they evaluated previously, acting as a funding panel. They will produce a feedback from to be handed back to the applicant and will also be asked to rank the proposals internally. This will provide extensive feedback for all participants on their applications, but most importantly, will provide a clear impression of the situation and the view of potential evaluators, which is extremely important to have when writing proposals. The tutor will also provide short feedback on the mini grants for all applicants.

### **Trainer:**

Dr. Christina Schütte, ProSciencia Beratungs GmbH, Lübeck

After finishing a PhD in Biochemistry in Bonn, Christina Schütte was intensively involved in acquisition and management of funded research and education projects for the MPI for Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen, before setting up ProSciencia, where she focuses on funding acquisition and scientific management of technology driven research projects as well as education and training. Over the last five years, she has been involved in the development of numerous successful grant applications from individual national project to large EU cooperative projects, covering a host of different funding bodies and involving customers from industry as well as from academic research.

Since 2010, she is active as an evaluator in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Program of the EU and Horizon 2020.