Teaching Approaches for Grant Proposal Writing Workshops

Train-the-Trainer Workshop 2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7th

Workshop
November 2nd – 6th
On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the DIES ProGRANT Coordination Center at the University of Cologne and proWiss are organizing the

The DIES ProGRANT Alumni Network

Members of the DIES ProGRANT Alumni Network have successfully completed each of the three ProGRANT phases and are, thus, advanced in proposal writing. The DIES ProGRANT Alumni community of academic professionals is highly diverse in regards to their countries of origins, cultures as well as their fields of research. This group of individuals represents a high-potential pool of professionals that are crucial multipliers for proposal writing and subject specific knowledge. Through this workshop the UoC coordination center seeks to strengthen the alumni’s skills in teaching in higher education.

The 2020 DIES ProGRANT Train-the-Trainer Workshop will give members of the ProGRANT Alumni community the chance to meet fellow international Alumni and strengthen the worldwide DIES ProGRANT network. They will be able to further develop professionally by working with their peers and trainers in order to reach a new level of expertise in the field of innovative teaching approaches in higher education.

It is expected that potential candidates are willing to apply for funding in terms of our ProGRANT Multipli-
cation Trainings (PMT) that will be launched in 2021. Within this program, Alumni of the Train-the-Trainer Workshop are expected to form teams with other DIES Alumni and plan a proposal writing course in their respective region. ProGRANT is part of the DIES programme (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies), which is jointly coordinated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and German Rectors’ Conference (HRK) since 2001 and funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
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The DIES ProGRANT Alumni Workshop 2020 Teaching Approaches for Grant Proposal Writing Workshops will enable participants to develop and implement training courses on grant proposal writing that are tailored to the specific needs of their target group and sophisticated in terms of content as well as teaching approach.

Different topics will first be explained and explored theoretically, followed by a practical phase, where alumni will have to implement the theoretical knowledge. By that the alumni will answer three questions:

- **What** will I have to convey to your target group in terms of content? (refreshing knowledge on grant proposal writing)
- **Who** will my target group be? (Taking into account e.g. the diversity of scientific cultures and learning conditions)
- **How** will I best convey the content to the target group? (Didactical concepts, teaching and presentation methods)

Participants will take on the role of trainers and create and present

- criteria lists for didactical concepts, teaching and presentation methods
- innovative draft concepts/programs for a 4-days workshop on Grant Proposal Writing (either face-to-face or online).
- presentations on one topic of their workshop program

Intensive group work and peer reviews will enhance the learning experience of the participating alumni.

Please note that the Train-the-Trainer Workshop will be held remotely via the video-conferencing tool Zoom due to the pandemic.
Participant Profile

Potential participants are DIES ProGRANT Alumni from all four DIES regions (Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia). Five participants from each region will be selected. Applications of female participants will be favored to ensure the diversity of the participants.

Participants must

- Hold a DIES ProGRANT certificate
- Have been successful in obtaining third party funding after completion of their respective ProGRANT course
- Have an affiliation to an academic institution
- Be involved in research and teaching
- Have identified what their teaching methods are lacking
- Be interested in implementing innovative teaching methods at their academic institution
- Have arranged a small-scale proposal writing workshop at their institution or in their region already
- Be interested in organizing further proposal writing workshops in terms of our ProGRANT Multiplication Trainings (PMT) that will be launched in 2021

Partner Profiles

**The University of Cologne:** The University of Cologne (UoC) has been combining innovation with tradition in its research and teaching since its foundation in 1388 and, thus, has established its academic excellence as one of the best-known German universities.

**proWiss (Consulting Services for Researchers):** proWiss Consulting Services assist individual researchers and institutions in the higher education sector to develop and enhance research activities and to improve the efficiency of the institutions’ researchers, faculty members, staff, and administrators.
Application Requirements and Process

Applications can be submitted at our website by clicking here (https://form.jotform.com/202243082387957).

Please fill out all fields and upload all other application requirements (as mentioned below) on that form. Incomplete applications or applications submitted via email will not be accepted.

**DIES ProGRANT Certificate**

Please provide a copy of your DIES ProGRANT certificate.

**Academic CV**

Please provide a brief 1-page resumé of your academic career.

**Letter of Motivation**

The 1-page (600-700 words) Letter of Motivation should provide information about your experience in as well as your goal for teaching in higher education. Why are you motivated to implement innovative teaching approaches into your work? How will you, your students and your institution benefit from those new teaching methods? Please indicate which third party funding you obtained after the completion of your respective ProGRANT course. Additionally, we would like to hear why you are motivated to become a ProGRANT trainer and to organize proposal writing courses for other researchers in your region.

**Confirmation of Successful Third Party Funding Application**

Please attach also the confirmation of the funding organization about the successful third party funding application. The confirmation can be submitted also after the application deadline until 13 October.

**Letter of Support**

We ask that you submit a 1-page Letter of Support from the university you are affiliated with. Your home institution should provide information about your relationship to, and functions at the university, and express support in you participating in the DIES ProGRANT Train-the-Trainer Workshop 2020. Taking into account possible difficulties regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, the letter of support can be submitted also after the application deadline until 13 October.

**File Format**

Please title all pdfs according to the following example: “familyname_firstname_expose” / “familyname_firstname_CV”

**Important notice: the Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 7th 2020, 11:00 PM (German time).**

20 participants will be selected according to the quality of their Letter of Motivation and also based on regional and institutional profiles. Applicants will be given a final decision by mid-October 2020.

**Contact and Information**

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