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English and French Short Courses in Grant Proposal Writing

The Fundamentals of Grant Proposal Writing
Fondamentaux de la rédaction de propositions de subvention



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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

It is increasingly expected of researchers to generate research funds. To do so, researchers need to acquire grant writing skills or hone the skills they already have. Although funding organisations and their application requirements differ, there are important elements expected by all funding agencies, whether it relates to small or to large grants. These elements will be addressed in these courses (English and French).

COURSE OUTCOMES:

Participants will be able to understand the following:

- How to overcome "writer's block" when you start writing a grant proposal
- What basic and core components a grant application should have to make it competitive
- What "peer review" means
- Why it is important to indicate impact and what funders mean by it
- What pitfalls to avoid when writing a grant proposal
- How to approach the budget and what elements to include
- How to identify funding opportunities

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Presenter:

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English course: 29 - 30 June 2026

French course: 2 - 3 July 2026



10:00 - 14:00 (GMT+2)



Online

Microsoft Teams

Target Audience:

The courses are designed for academics, postgraduate students, and professionals seeking to develop or strengthen their grant proposal writing skills, particularly those involved in research, project development, or funding applications.

Purpose:

The courses equip participants with practical skills to develop clear, competitive grant proposals by understanding core components, funding expectations, and common pitfalls. It also provides strategies for structuring proposals, demonstrating impact, and navigating peer review to strengthen the likelihood of securing funding



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

These intensive, two-day online courses are structured around a series of interactive sessions that combine clear, focused input with applied practical exercises. Learning is reinforced through short, between-session assignments that encourage reflection, consolidation, and the progressive application of key concepts in a structured and iterative manner.



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