



Online Workshop “Grant Writing & Management” An insight into German Research Landscape

(For final-year doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in India and Brazil)

**Organized by
Max Planck Gesellschaft (MPG) & University of Cologne (UoC)
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Max Planck Gesellschaft (MPG) and University of Cologne (UoC), in association with German Centre for Research and Innovation (DWIH), New Delhi, are organizing a workshop on “Grant Writing & Management”.

About German Centre for Research and Innovation (DWIH)

The DWIH New Delhi is a network of several German research organizations, universities, funding bodies, & research-based companies. It is overseen by German Exchange Academic Service (DAAD). The objective of DWIH is to promote German research landscape & facilitates access to the research & innovation ecosystem including funding & cooperation opportunities. It provides a platform for enhancing exchange cooperation & networking among academic communities & stakeholders in research & innovation. The DWIH activities focus on current topical issues in fundamental as well as applied research in science & humanities.

About Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (MPG)

The Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (MPG) is Germany’s most successful research organisation. Under its umbrella, 86 Max Planck Institutes (MPIs) conduct basic research in natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. Eighteen Nobel Laureates have emerged from the ranks of its scientists. In 2016 MPIs have offered more than 3,300 Ph.D. students from all over the world an international working environment and excellent research facilities. In addition, 2,700 young scientists have taken on post-doctoral positions at various MPIs. India is a special focus of MPG in its international collaborations. In 2019, 1,010 visiting scientists from India worked at MPIs. In terms of the global exchange of young scientists, India is one of MPG’s major partner countries with 72 ongoing research collaborations with institutes in India. MPG provides a raft of opportunities and programmes for scientists – from aspiring Ph.D. students to established researchers – to connect, collaborate and conduct research at MPIs in Germany.

About University of Cologne (UoC)

The University of Cologne is the second oldest university in Germany, dating back to 1388. At present, there are more than 55,000 students studying at the university. The University of Cologne has six Faculties covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and has developed internationally outstanding research profile areas on this basis. The Faculty of Medicine, The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, The Faculty of Arts and Humanities, The Faculty of Management Economics and Social Sciences, The Faculty of Law and The Faculty of Human Sciences. In 2018, the University of Cologne won four “excellence clusters” founded by the excellence strategy of the German Federal and State Governments. These clusters are on different fields, such as plant science (CEPLAS Cluster), Aging Research (CECAD Cluster), economics (ECONtribute) and Quantum Computing (ML4Q).



Course Description

Grant writing is a skill that requires hard work and practice, and it can have a significant impact on a research career of a junior scientists. The concept of the workshop is to illustrate the methods and technical know-how required to prepare successful international research proposals irrespective of a certain disciplinary field. The workshop will cover topics from content development of a research proposal, scientific writing skills to budget planning. This model of specialized workshops has proven successful in the German research landscape.

The workshop will be organized in two phases:

1. Phase I will cover the basics of writing a grant and fellowship application. Phase I of the workshop will be organized on 2nd - 3rd December 2021.
2. The Phase II will provide individual guidance and review to the few selected participants. These participants will be shortlisted on the basis of their draft application that should be adapted to the research fields and methods as explained earlier in Phase I. Please note that only the participants of Phase I of the workshop will be eligible to apply for the Phase II. The dates for Phase II of the workshop will be communicated at the end of the Phase I of the workshop.

Eligibility Criteria

The workshop is suitable for early-career researchers, who are looking for a post-doctoral fellowships or independent research grants for young researchers.

You are eligible to apply, if you meet the following criteria:

- Final year PhD scholars, post-doctoral researchers and above **in India and Brazil**, and
- Affiliated to an academic institution **in India and Brazil**, and/or
- If you are at the early stage of your research career (preferable)

Experts

The Experts will share knowledge on important principles of grant writing that are independent of a certain disciplinary field and on fundamental structural elements that are required by most of the international funding organizations. Please find below profile of the experts.

Mr. Salvatore Angilletta (EU grants affairs for the Cologne based Max-Planck Institutes (Plant Breeding, Biology of Ageing, Metabolism Research and Study of Societies))

Salvatore Angilletta is responsible for EU grants affairs for the Cologne based Max-Planck Institutes (Plant Breeding, Biology of Ageing, Metabolism Research and Study of Societies). In his work, he pays special attention to young scientists in attracting external fellowships and grants to enhance research capacities and foster individual careers. Special focus is given on the career perspective acknowledging the increasing globalization, competition and speed of science.

He was, on behalf of the European Commission, Chair of the secretariat of the global ENIC-NARIC network responsible for the recognition of academic and professional qualifications. He was appointed expert by the German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) for the working group of the European Commission developing a CREST/European Council's report on "Mutual learning on approaches to improve the excellence of research in universities" chaired and published by Frank Ziegele and Georg Krücken. He was member of a national expert commission for the development of the 1st national action plan for the enhancement of career perspectives of young researchers of the BMBF. He was member of the supervisory board of German EIT Health GmbH 2015-2017. Salvatore published in international peer reviewed journals and books, being the first in Germany to assess effects of globalization on educational systems in a sold-out monograph in 2000. Salvatore holds a degree in educational sciences from the Technical University of Dortmund and has numerous publications on education and the future of its institutions.

Dr. Thilo Zimmermann (University of Cologne)

Thilo Zimmermann is an International Project Manager for third-party funded projects at the International Office of the University of Cologne. He serves as advisor for DAAD Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) ProGRANT project, organizing proposal writing courses for young research scholars around the world. He studied economics at the University of Cologne and holds a PhD in International Political Economy from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa, Italy. He went to Harvard University and École Normale Supérieure in Paris for one year research stays. His PhD on European Republicanism, a new approach to understand European integration, was published by Palgrave in 2019. Before his PhD, he worked at the German Embassy in Rome, Italy, where he coordinated several projects. After his PhD, he was a consultant for Tavla, a start-up company in the digital sector that was back then hosted by the Gateway incubator at the University of Cologne.

Other Experts:

For Phase-I of the workshop: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), German Research Foundation (DFG), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) and European Union.

For Phase-II of the workshop: Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi).

Application Requirements and Process

Submit your brief 1-page resume of your academic career along with a research abstract (500 Words).

Participants will be selected on the basis of the quality of their resume and exposé. Please note that your application does not guarantee confirmation of your participation. Selected candidates will be notified by email of their participation. The Program details shall follow after the confirmation of the candidature.

Applications can be submitted at de.grantwriting@gmail.com

Deadline for applications: 12 November 2021, 1700 Hrs. Indian time.

At the end of workshop, the participants will receive an **Electronic Certificate of Participation**.

Workshop Timings

India- 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm (IST) /
Brazil- 8:00 am – 11:30 am (BRT)

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