

## Grant and scientific writing

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| <b>Topic area:</b>   | Science communication                        |
| <b>Format:</b>       | Online or in-house workshop                  |
| <b>Workload:</b>     | 4 webinars of 2-2.5 h each = 2 workshop days |
| <b>Trainer:</b>      | Karin Bodewits Philipp Gramlich              |
| <b>Target group:</b> | PhD students and postdocs                    |

Publications, theses, scholarships, travel grants, and fellowships are more than just academic support—they're your ticket to success in any field. Whether you're aiming for academia, industry, or NGOs, writing about your work and securing funding is highly valued everywhere.



Starting early with smaller grants builds confidence, sharpens your proposal skills, and boosts your chances of landing more prominent, prestigious awards later. Beyond the financial benefits, winning grants gives you the freedom to direct your research and explore projects you're passionate about, offering a level of career autonomy many PhD students don't realise is possible.

During the Grant writing workshop for PhD Students and early career researchers, you will get a head start on your funding journey. Gain the skills and insights to navigate the fierce competition and write successful grants!

### What types of grants are there?

- Define your purpose and aim
- Find suitable grants for your project

### The process of writing

- Who will read your text and what's in it for them?
- Describe your project in a coherent and engaging way

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| <b>Different texts for different settings...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thesis</li> <li>- Publications</li> <li>- Scholarships</li> <li>- External research stays</li> <li>- Conference visits</li> </ul> | <b>Self-presentation skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short CV</li> <li>- Motivation letter</li> <li>- Online profile</li> <li>- Pitch your project to funding bodies</li> </ul> |
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### Course flow online

| Day 1                                                                                             | Day 2                                                                                                         | Day 3                                                                                                     | Day 4                                                                                          | Weeks 2-3                                                                                        |
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| Live webinar<br>- Setting analysis (audience and purpose)<br>- Grants that might fit this purpose | Live webinar<br>- What's your USP (Unique selling point)?<br>- Your storyline: the structure of your proposal | Live webinar<br>- Does your plan fit the readership?<br>- Clarity of your verbal and visual communication | Live webinar<br>- Your application portfolio: CV, cover letter, pitch<br>- Your online persona | Individual and group course work (online and offline)<br><br>Feedback from the course instructor |
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Interested to read more about this topic? Then you might be interested in Karin's article [The importance of applying for funding early in your career](#), published in Chemistry World.