

Grant and scientific writing

Topic area:	Science communication
Format:	Online or in-house workshop
Workload:	4 webinars of 2.5 h each = 2 workshop days
Trainer:	Karin Bodewits Philipp Gramlich
Target group:	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.

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

Different texts for different settings...	Self-presentation skills
- Thesis - Publications - Scholarships - External research stays - Conference visits	- Short CV - Motivation letter - Online profile - Pitch your project to funding bodies

Course flow online

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Weeks 2-3
Live webinar - Setting analysis (audience and purpose) - Grants that might fit this purpose	Live webinar - What's your USP (Unique selling point)? - Your storyline: the structure of your proposal	Live webinar - Does your plan fit the readership? - Clarity of your verbal and visual communication	Live webinar - Your application portfolio: CV, cover letter, pitch - Your online persona	Individual and group course work (online and offline) 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.