

Proposal-writing program 2016

Part 1: 5. February – “How to write a successful proposal”

Place: Kjell Arholms house, room KA- U050

What characterize a good application? In this introductory workshop, we will go through all specifics of a FRIPRO-proposal, including the template for research projects, evaluation criteria and e-application.

What are they asking for in the different parts of the project description-template? We focus on dos and don'ts and will also look at proposal examples.

The course is held by senior adviser Vibeke Hervik Bull in the research and innovation department.

Section one: Project design (10:00 – 11:30)

- “What characterize a good application?”
- Project design

Lunch (11:30 - 12:30) – with presentation of candidates

Section two: Project description template and criteria (12:30 – 13:30)

- The research council's [project description template](#):
 1. *Relevance relative to the call for proposals,*
 - 2.1. *Background and status of knowledge,*
 - 2.2. *Approaches, hypotheses and choice of method,*
 - 2.3. *The project plan, project management, organisation and cooperation*
- Assessment criteria for the category “young research talents”

Coffee brake (13:30 – 13:45)

Section three: workshop – discussion of proposals (13:45-15:00)

Discussion of two proposals already evaluated by the research council.

Part 2: 7-8. March – “The review process” with Peter Dukes

Place: Kjell Arholms house, room KA- U135

This course is led by Dr. Peter Dukes of the UK’s Medical Research Council (MRC). He is Assistant Director of the MRC Africa Research Development Office, which is based in The Gambia, and has many years of experience in grant writing, peer review and shaping of research strategies and funding.

The course is designed to help scientists to write better research proposals by developing their understanding of peer review and what funding organisations expect from a good proposal. Core to the course, is a ‘mock’ peer review panel, in which participants will play the role of reviewers. They will evaluate real proposals and “decide” which to recommend for funding.

We will work on three proposal drafts from UiS researchers. **Thus, this is a great opportunity to get feedback on your draft!** The drafts should be quite mature, though does not have to be ready for submission.

DAY 1: 7. March 2016

09:00	Short practical exercise
10:30	The process of writing a research proposal
	Typical structure of a research proposal
10:45	The black box: How peer review works
11:00	Class critique and scoring of Research Proposal S1 (Manual Therapies)
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Evidence that you can meet the criteria
13:30	The black box
14:45	The Research Council Norway Plenary session
15:15	Briefing: Preparation for Day 2
15:45	<i>End of Day 1</i>

DAY 2: 8. March 2016

08:30	Peer review exercise
10:00	Panel feedback: Scoring comparisons. Plenary session
10:50	Titles and abstracts
11:35	Checklist
12:00	Final Q&A and feedback to the organizers - Lunch and mingling
13:00	End of course or Optional afternoon session, as follows:
13:00	Mapping out and presenting a proposal.
15:00	Final end of course

[Look at UiS ansatt-pages for detailed program for the Dukes workshop](#)

[Full program Dukes workshop](#)

Part 3: 14. April: Project presentations and critical panel feedback

Today you have the opportunity to present your proposal for some of UiS' most experienced researchers and representatives from the Norwegian research council (RCN/NFR). You will have 5-10 minutes to present your project, and then the panel will give feedback and ask questions to the presentation.

Presentation 5-10 min, discussion 15 min.

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- 10:00 – 12:00: Proposals from HUM- and SV faculty
- 12:00 – 12:30: Lunch
- 12:30 – 15:00: Proposals from TEKNAT faculty

Expert panel:

- **Professor Elaine Munthe**, faculty dean at HUM-UiS and leader of the FINNUT program board in NFR/RCN.
- **Professor Merete Vadla Madland**, leader of the IOR center at UiS and member of the FRIPRO expert committee (FRINATEK) in NFR/RCN.
- **Professor Ole Andreas Engen**, from SEROS UiS, has lead several NFR/RCN projects.
- **Special adviser Dag Oppen Berntsen** at NFR/RCN, with extensive experience in proposal evaluation.
- **Senior adviser Vibeke Hervik Bull**, from the research and innovation department UiS.