

Workshop

GGG-Workshop: An Introduction to Third Party Funding for First-Time Applicants

Organizational Details

Instructors:	Verena Graulich Prof. Dr. Meinhardt
Date:	November 20, 2026, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Location:	Room 105, Gustav-Krüger-Saal, Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen
Max. number of participants:	12

Objectives

The ability to acquire research grants is one of the main competencies required of researchers. Combining informative input and practical elements, this workshop will provide you with an overview on prominent funders and funding programmes in Germany for early career researchers. We will discuss the structure and elements of proposals along the example of the DFG research grant and explore what to consider when putting them into writing. We will also present you helpful resources on grant writing and discuss the DFG review process with Prof. Meinhardt (DFG Liaison Officer) who will share practical advice for grant writing in a Q&A session. Afterwards you will be able to understand the structure and requirements of grant writing and the meaning of third party funding for the development of your career and for appointment processes.

After the workshop, participants will be able to:

- understand the significance of third-party funding proposals.
- comprehend the requirements for third-party funding proposals and express them in writing.
- identify common beginner mistakes to successfully avoid them when writing proposals.

Content & Method:

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- What are third-party funds and why are they so important?
- How does a research proposal differ from a scientific article?
- Overview of the most important funding organizations and relevant funding lines for first time applicants.
- What should a proposal look like? What elements does it include, and what characterizes proposal writing?
- Outlook: The review process – what happens to my proposal after submission?
- Outlook: What are the requirements for postdocs/professors in terms of third-party funding?
- Additional information about advisory services and resources: Where can I find help?

Methods:

Lecture, group work, plenary discussions, individual work.

Target Group & Course Language:

Target Group: Postdocs and PhD students towards the end of their PhD

Event language: English

Requirements for participation: None

About the Instructors:

Verena Graulich | Postdoc Coordinator at GGS and former Research Officer in the terminated Science Support Project the Staff Division Research and Graduate Studies at JLU Giessen. In this role she accompanies (initial) application projects by early career researchers. In addition to individual advice and the organization of events and courses on the subject of third-party funding applications, she coordinates the JLU research funding network with the aim of creating ideal conditions for applicants to submit successful applications. Moreover, she is a Postdoc Officer at GGS and a member of the Postdoc Career and Mentoring Office (PCMO). Until 2019, she was a research associate in Work and Organizational Psychology at JLU.

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Registration:

If you would like to attend the event, please [register via Stud.IP \(26WK16 in the JLU-internal training program\)](#) by November 6, 2026.