

Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences and Charles University
take pleasure in inviting you to
the ON-LINE European Research Council (ERC) applicants' workshop on
HOW TO WRITE A COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL? (PART 1)

The interactive workshop will be focused on ERC proposal writing. The workshop will be divided into two subsequent parts - **first part will be held on 30 November and 1 December 2020** and will consist of two-day intensive training. Together with an experienced ERC evaluator we will discuss in detail requirements for CV, track-record and abstract, as well as evaluation criteria and essential components of a competitive ERC proposal. Afterwards you will have an opportunity to work with a successful ERC project from the field of social sciences and humanities, life sciences or physical sciences and engineering (depending on your choice), to meet its principal investigator and to play the role of an evaluator in order to understand better the evaluation process and the implications for writing your own proposal.

The second part of the workshop will be held in January 2021 and will consist of individual presentations of the applicants' ideas and a discussion with other participants, experienced ERC grant holders and ERC evaluators from the applicants' fields of research.

To maximize the impact and effectiveness, the workshop is opened **only for ERC Starting/Consolidator (eventually also Advanced) grant applicants who already seriously work on a grant proposal**, which they intend to submit to the **2021 ERC Work Programme calls**.

To attend the workshop, the applicants are required to send a CV (max. 2 pages), a short abstract of the proposal (max. 2000 characters) and their early achievements track-record for the ERC StG and the ERC CoG applicants or 10 years track-record for the ERC AdG applicants (max. 2 pages) in one pdf file and **strictly according to the instructions** in the [Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2020 Calls](#) or [Information for Applicants to the Advanced Grant 2020 Call](#) (using the ERC templates: [Starting](#), [Consolidator](#) and [Advanced](#)) to Ms L. Sechterova (sechterova@tc.cz) **till 15 November 2020** at the latest. We kindly ask you to register as soon as possible, even if you have not yet finalised the materials requested. All materials will be considered confidential. The quality of the received materials will be evaluated using ERC standards. Non-competitive materials would mean that the applicants will **not be invited to enter the workshop**. Registration will be confirmed no later than **25 November 2020**.

The on-line workshop will be held in English, translation will not be provided.

The event is free of charge, however, a registration is required. The capacity is limited (first come, first served). The workshop is part of our training module „How to successfully participate in Horizon Europe?“ and is held within Czech Republic in the European Research Area 3 project framework (CZERA 3 - LTI18020) supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the OP RDE Project "Improvement of strategic management at Charles University in the field of human resources in R & D" (CZ.02.2.69/0.0/0.0/16_028/0006210).

Contact for more information about the programme: capkova@tc.cz.

PROGRAMME:

- Date:** 30 November – 1 December 2020
- Registration:** http://geform.tc.cz/ONLINE_ERCworkshop
- Place:** online via webex (applicants will receive the link on 25 November)
- Trainers:** **Zdeněk Strakoš**, ERC evaluator and panel chair, Charles University
Zuzana Čapková, MSCA and ERC NCP, Technology Centre CAS
Petra Fedorová, Technology Centre CAS
Aneta Kašíliková, Legal and Financial NCP, TC CAS

30 November 2020

MORNING SESSION (for all registered participants)

- 08.30 – 09.00** **Signing in and checking the connection**
- 09.00 – 09.10** **Introduction**
- 09.10 – 13.30** **Everything you need to know about the ERC grants**
- What are the evaluation criteria and how do the panels work?
 - Competitive CV, abstract and proposal
 - Frequent comments from the evaluation summary reports
 - Support to the ERC applicants
 - Budget
 - Q&A, Discussion

Note: Short break (when needed), Lunch break (to be planned 11.30 – 12.00)

AFTERNOON SESSION – SOCIAL SCIENCES AND

HUMANITIES (Open to researchers who have chosen to participate in the social sciences and humanities session)

- 13.30 – 14.00** **Signing in and checking the connection**
- 14.00 – 16.00** **Interactive part: evaluating an ERC proposal from SSH panel**
- 16.00 – 16.15** **ERC grant holder success story**
- 16.15 – 16.45** **Discussion**
- 16.45 – 17.00** **Wrap-up, Closing of the session**

1 December 2020

MORNING SESSION – LIFE SCIENCES (Open to researchers who have chosen to participate in the life sciences session)

08.30 – 09.00	Signing in and checking the connection
09.00 – 11.00	<u>Interactive part: evaluating an ERC proposal from LS panel</u>
11.00 – 11.15	<u>ERC grant holder success story</u>
11.15 – 11.45	<u>Discussion</u>
11.45 – 12.00	Wrap-up, Closing of the session

AFTERNOON SESSION – PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING (Open to researchers who have chosen to participate in the physical sciences and engineering session)

13.30 – 14.00	Signing in and checking the connection
14.00 – 16.00	<u>Interactive part: evaluating an ERC proposal from PE panel</u>
16.00 – 16.15	<u>ERC grant holder success story</u>
16.15 – 16.45	<u>Discussion</u>
16.45 – 17.00	Wrap-up, Closing of the session