

MARUM / GLOMAR Expert Course:

Proposal writing for natural scientists

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Objective

Besides a general introduction to proposal writing, this course will put participants in the position to evaluate proposals and – based on this experience – to write their own proposal. Participants will obtain skills in proposal evaluation and proposal writing, and successful participants will end-up with a full proposal for their own position that can be submitted, for example, to the DFG.

Schedule

The course will be composed of several meetings over a time period of approximately 2 months. In the first part, participants will analyse and evaluate existing (successful and unsuccessful) proposals. The focus of the second part is on the development of an own proposal, which will finally be evaluated by the other course participants. The final, ambitious aim is to have a proposal for the own position at hand, which is (almost) ready for submission to a funding agency by the end of the course.

7 May 2012 (09:00 – 11:00): General introduction, guidelines for evaluating proposals, distribution of existing proposals

Between meetings: Each participant will have to read approximately six 20-page proposals and submit a written evaluation (approximately 1-2 pages) for two proposals.

21 May 2012 (09:00 – 13:00): Evaluation of the proposals (simulation of a review-panel meeting)

Between meetings: Development of proposal outline by the participants

5 June 2012 (09:00 – 13:00): Presentation of proposal outlines by participants

Between meetings: Proposal writing by the participants

6 July 2012 Submission of full proposals (approximately 20 pages) by participants.

Between meetings: Evaluation of the proposals. It is expected that each participant reads all proposals and evaluates two proposals in detail.

16 July 2012 (09:00 – 13:00): Evaluation of participants' proposals by their peers (review-panel session).

Location

7 May 2012 – MARUM, room 2060

21 May 2012 – GEO building, room 5020

5 June 2012 – MARUM, room 0190

16 July 2012 - MARUM, room 2060

To subscribe

The course addresses PhD students in their final year and early-career postdocs with a background in marine sciences. The number of participants is limited. If you are interested in participating, you should send a motivation letter, including a 1-page outline of your intended research proposal, **until 6 April 2012**, to Christina Klose (glomar-courses@marum.de).

Please give your name, status (PhD student, Postdoc or Master Student), institute / university and research area / working group as well as your **field of study**.