

**Joint Course Programme**

EUROPROX European Graduate College Proxies in Earth History

GLOMAR Bremen International Graduate School for Marine Sciences

MARUM Excellence cluster "The Ocean in the Earth System"

NEBROC Netherlands Bremen Oceanography Cooperation

NSG Netherlands Research School for Sedimentary Geology

POLMAR Helmholtz Graduate School for Polar and Marine Research

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MARUM/GLOMAR 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 3 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.

April 15, 2011 (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.*

April 26, 2011 (09:00 – 13:00): Evaluation of the proposals (simulation of a review-panel meeting)

*Between meetings: Development of proposal outline by the participants*

May 30, 2011 (09:00 – 13:00): Presentation of proposal outlines by participants

*Between meetings: Proposal writing by the participants*

June 30, 2011: 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.*

July 14, 2011 (09:00 – 13:00): Evaluation of participants' proposals by their peers (review-panel session).

**Location**

MARUM, University of Bremen, 28359 Bremen, Germany  
Seminar 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 15 March 2011**, to Christina Klose ([ecolmas@uni-bremen.de](mailto:ecolmas@uni-bremen.de)).