

## MARUM / GLOMAR Basic Skills and Methods 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 approx.. 3 months, see schedule below. 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.

Day 1	30 March 2015	MARUM I, room 0190	09.00 - 12.00
Day 2	27 April 2015	MARUM I, room 0190	09.00 - 12.00
Day 3	7 May 2015	MARUM I, room 0190	09.00 - 13.00
Day 4	23 June 2015	MARUM I, room 0190	09.00 - 13.00

**Day 1:** 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.*

**Day 2:** Evaluation of the proposals (simulation of a review-panel meeting)

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

**Day 3:** Presentation of proposal outlines by participants

*Between meetings: Proposal writing by the participants*

**8 June 2015:** 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.*

**Day 4:** Evaluation of participants' proposals by their peers (review-panel session).

**Target group**

The course addresses PhD students in their final year and early-career postdocs with a background in marine sciences.

**To subscribe**

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 22 March 2014**, to [glomar-courses@marum.de](mailto: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.

**All documents must be combined into one single PDF file.**