**Grant Writing Course**

**Place: NTNU**

Estimated teaching hours: 12 over 2 days.

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The course is designed to introduce PhD and Postdoc researchers to successful grant

writing techniques. Grant preparation is not explicitly addressed in the obligatory

training of PhD fellows, however constitutes an important transferable skill, which can

be applied in more than one context. In addition, adding this skill to the early stage

researcher portfolio is crucial for successful career development on the road to

professional independence.

In the course, the following topics will be addressed:

• How budgeting works

• Where to find grants applications in Norway (e.g. NRC), as well as major and

minor funding agencies (ERC, NIH, NSF, foundations, trusts, etc.), timelines (how

long does the process takes), deadlines.

• Small vs. large grants

• Early-career grants

• How to address thematic Calls

• How to formulate the abstract, methods, and aims for the project (writing and

formatting the proposal)

• Tips for choosing the topic

• How to choose the target audience for the proposal

The course will include a mix of lecture instruction and practical exercise. Participants

are expected to prepare an application draft to be reviewed by the course instructors

and improved in the course of the training.