## **ProWriting 2020**

# Proposal Writing for National Public Funding

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#### The Team

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## **Motivation & Goal**

"Strategic goal of this course is to improve the capabilities and chances of (young) researchers at the participating Faculties to receive competitive public funding."

"...impart to the participants foundational knowledge and capabilities for effectively translating their research ideas into strong research project proposals for attaining public funding."









## **The Envisioned Participant**

- already has a project idea in mind
- knows the relevant state of the art (PhD after Proficiency Evaluation, PostDoc)
- plans to write a proposal anyway
- wants/needs to improve skills in putting together a good proposal
- is totally committed to attending the whole course
- has an experienced researcher from his faculty as a mentor









## Self check

## What's your ...?

#### motivation

how much time and energy (if not blood, sweat and tears) are you willing to invest the next months? Is proposal writing a burning issue? Do you need it for the next career step?

#### idea

... you have a great idea to surprise, excite, and motivate panel members and reviewers, yourself, the world, ... because you have already expert knowledge and know what is "hot" in the field ...

## strategy

... you have kind of a plan, but no strategy on how to bring it into the best possible shape and condition for successful submission



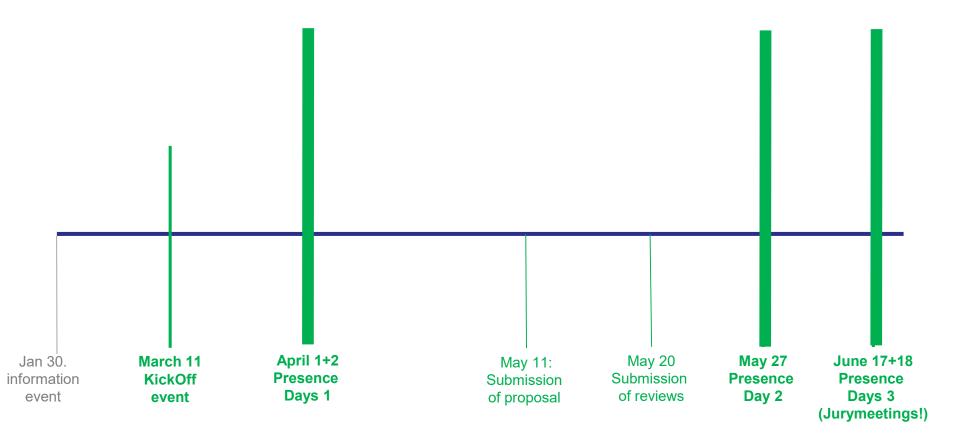






## Schedule 2020

## **Appointments are obligatory!!!!!**



Self Study (including exercises)

Presence Days 1: April 1+2

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Presence Day 2: May 27

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Presence Days 3: June 17+18



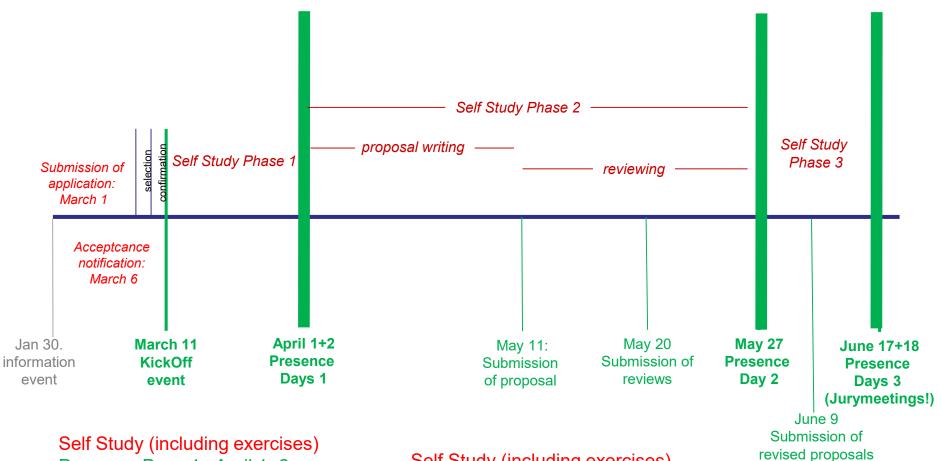






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## **Enrolling for the Course**

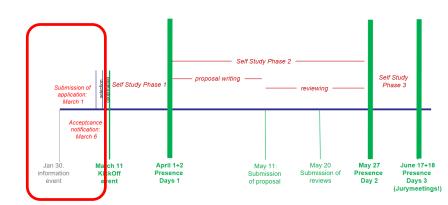
- Application questionnaire
- Submission in EasyChair
  - Author 1 should be the course participant
  - Author 2 should be the mentor
  - Title: working title of your idea
  - Abstract: short description, according to questionnaire
  - Keywords: research area/topics
  - upload pdf document joining:
  - 1-page Motivation letter:
    - your funding need
    - your proposal idea
    - your knowledge of the state of the art in the relevant scientific area
- Support letter from your mentor
  - why s/he supports your taking part in the ProWriting2020 course.
  - confirm your sufficient knowledge of the state of the art in the scientific field of your proposal idea.







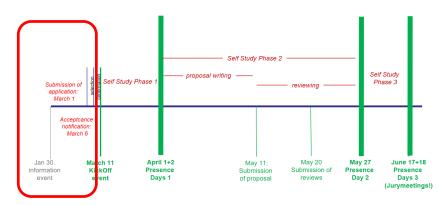




Deadline: March 1!

## **Selection Process**

Selection of the participants
 will be made according to the
 information requested in the
 questionnaire + quality of submission.



- There will be a waiting list of eligible candidates, who may take the seat of a participant who drops out in an early phase of the course.
- Notification by March 6
  - accepted as participant
  - too early-stage => apply later
  - too advanced => special support by Research and Transfer Support
  - waiting list
- KickOff March 11 for accepted participants



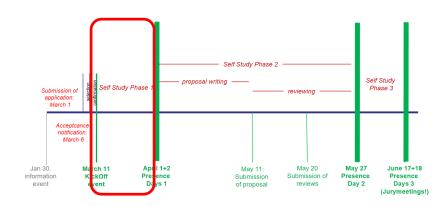






## Phase 1

# **Focus is on** overview funding programmes, idea generation, and parts of a proposal



- Self Study starts March 11
  - information on proposal writing in general, national funding programmes, parts of proposal
  - exercises for YOUR project environment, analysis of different parts of a proposal
- Presence Days 1: April 1 + 2, 09:00 (s.t.) to 17:00
  Sitzungszimmer Rektorat
  - Overview and introduction: Proposal writing and national funding programmes
  - "Your idea becomes a project" (idea generation + following steps)
  - Parts of Proposal
  - TU Wien internal support for successful proposals and projects
  - Your own proposal (application guidelines,...)









## Phase 2

#### Focus is on

proposal writing and first iterative step, reviewing process, act as a reviewer

- Self Study starts April 3 to May 26
  - Developing and refining your idea
  - Writing it up in a (training) proposal (till May 11)
  - Individual consulting: E. Schludermann and A. Stakne
  - Review one other research project proposal of your fellows (till May 22)
  - Analyse and sum up reviews you received (till May 26)
- Presence Day 2: May 27, 09:00 (s.t.) to 18:00
  Kontaktraum Gusshausstraße
  - Insights into the review processes
  - Analysis and discussion of review feedback for revised version





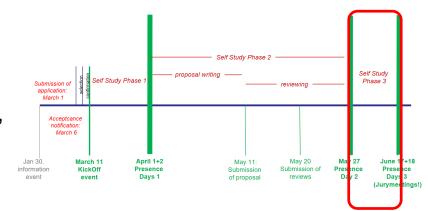




## Phase 3

#### Focus is on

finishing up a revised version of your proposal, preparing response to reviewers, hearing



- Self Study starts May 28
  - analyzing feedback
  - improving proposals
  - preparing letters to reviewers
- Presence Days 3: June 17+18, 09:00 (s.t.) to 18:00
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Hearing/jury meeting with research proposal presentations and feedback

#### **External Reviewers**

FFG, WWTF; Wirtschaftsagentur Wien; FWF; Rat für Forschung und Technologieentwicklung









## ProWriting 2020 in a nutshell

## You get...

- valuable insights in proposal writing, reviewing process
- to know national funding system and schemes
- lots of useful feedback by TUW researchers as well as national funding experts
- a sound basis to develop for a "real" submission









## ProWriting 2020 in a nutshell

#### You have to...

- take your time, time-off of everyday-life duty, and feel the need to acquire third-party funding
- be committed to write a well-developed proposal draft
- register until March 1 (23:59 CET):
  - https://www.umfrageonline.com/s/44e022b
  - https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=prowriting2020









## **Questions?**









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More information online







