

Navigating the German and European research funding landscape

One-day workshop, 9:00 – 16:30 hrs

Trainer: Dr Thomas Koch

Contents and aim of workshop

This workshop provides an overview of the German and European research funding system. It focuses on funding opportunities available at the early to advanced postdoctoral stage and how to exploit them effectively.

By participating in the very compact, yet interactive workshop, participants will be better equipped to

- recognise the opportunities and risks associated with external research funding,
- identify funding opportunities for different research settings and career stages,
- understand what makes a fundable research project and how to prepare a competitive proposal

Programme

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| 9:00 | Welcome and introduction |
| | The German and European research landscape |
| | Key players and stakeholders |
| | Current trends and developments |
| | Exploiting funding opportunities |
| | Types of funding and funding agencies |
| | Understanding the grant cycle |
| | Moving from smaller to larger grants |
| | <i>Coffee</i> |
| | Practice scenarios |
| | Finding and selecting funding |
| | <i>Lunch</i> |
| | Preparing a competitive proposal |
| | How grants' committees work |
| | Structuring the case for support |
| | Essential writing skills and elements of style |
| | Plenary discussion |
| | How to be a fundable researcher |
| | Transfer and feedback |
| 16:30 | <i>Close</i> |

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Profile

Thomas Koch is a research management consultant and certified business trainer and coach. Holding a PhD in physical chemistry from the UK, he has over 10 years of international experience as a researcher throughout Europe and over 12 years of experience as a research manager and administrator at German universities. He held a variety of senior positions at Ruhr University Bochum (2002-2011) and Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (2011-2015) delivering high-level support and advisory services for both researchers and university top management. His professional focus covers research strategy, external research funding, knowledge and technology transfer as well as early career researcher development.

In 2016 he started up his own consultancy to provide hands-on workshops and individual guidance for researchers to realise their research ideas and career objectives. He also supports higher education and research institutions in strategy processes and organisational development.