

WRITING GRANT PROPOSALS FOR YOUNG PALESTINIAN RESEARCHERS



Planning, Innovation and Implementing

2021

Seminar I
June 20 - 23

E-Learning
July - Aug.

Seminar II
Aug. 8 - 11

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Writing Grant Proposals for Young Palestinian Researchers (GRYPS) is a three-phase training course. It's intended to help participants create their own research funding submissions for national and international funding.

The course uses a blended learning method, with one virtual seminar (Seminar I), an E-Learning phase led by the course trainers, and a final onsite seminar (Seminar II). Each seminar will consist of lectures, working in group or individually and applicable exercises. These activities will be delivered and led by specialized trainers, professionals from the training partners, as well as regional and international experts.

This course is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the DIES ProGRANT Coordination Center at the University of Cologne and local partners.

KEY DATES

Application Period May 22th - June 12th 2021	Seminar I June 20 - 23 2021
E-Learning July - Aug. 2021	Seminar II Aug. 8 - 11 2021

LEARNING APPROACH

The course uses a blended learning approach: one Virtual Seminar (Seminar I), a trainer guided E-Learning section and, finally, another onsite seminar (Seminar II). Personal Attendance and active participation are required during the three phases.



SEMINAR I

Seminar I will provide the basic knowledge and technical skills needed to successfully design and develop a grant proposal essential segments including title, summary, aim and objectives, work plan, budget, and appendices. It will also demonstrate the logical sequence of these components which meet the requirements of several international grant agencies. At the end of Seminar I, participants will be able to create a concise and informative title, convincing summary, achievable and measurable aims and objectives, develop a structured work plan and understand the basic principles of designing an effective budget.

This seminar will be held via Zoom and will include lectures (two per day), individual exercises in addition to group activities (using breakout rooms) and group presentations.

“ Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun.” - Mary Lou Cook

E-LEARNING

E-learning will be used in the second phase of this course, which will last a month. The goal of this phase is to allow the participants to apply what they learned in Seminar I to their own project, resulting in a complete, clear, concise, well-structured, and justified proposal

Participants will be able to do so while receiving both individualized help in the form of online counseling and general help from the trainer team, which will feature four virtual classrooms for meetings and discussions with the trainers as well as course colleagues. Additional learning material and activities for each component of the proposal will also be available for self-study at this period.

Furthermore, participants will be guided to identify specific funding agencies relevant to their study and proposed needs throughout this phase.

“ Online learning is rapidly becoming one of the most cost-effective ways to educate the world's rapidly expanding workforce. ” - Jack Messman

SEMINAR II

Seminar II will be held on-site. Its aim is to involve trainers and participants in a collaborative feedback process with the goal of eventually creating a final draft. Over the course of this four-day seminar, the participants' proposals will be presented, discussed, reviewed, and fine-tuned in a participatory review process.

The research funding proposals should be ready for submission to research funding organizations by the end of Seminar II.

“ If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. ” - *Henry Ford*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Potential participants are younger researchers and PhD-holders from Palestine (West-Bank and Gaza). Participants must meet the following requirements to be selected:

- Hold a doctoral degree or have equivalent research experience
- Have an affiliation to an academic institution in Palestine.
- Possess excellent English language skills, both written and spoken
- Be preferably at the beginning or middle stages of their research career.

FUNDING

The costs for this training course will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The following expenses will be covered:

- Course expenses (expert-honoraria, infrastructure, organization, material): approx. 1.250 € p.P.
- Accommodation and joint meals during the 4-days of seminar II modules in West-Bank (according to DAAD regulations).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

Applications can be submitted using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/NgeqinVpKrCacdo37>

Please fill out all fields and upload all other application requirements (as mentioned below) on that form.

Exposé

We request that you submit a 2-page exposé (approximately 5.000 characters) outlining your intended research project. This exposé should include the following sections and information:

- Applicant name, disciplinary area of the proposal, and title of the project.
- **Introduction of scientific background:** Please introduce your research idea: Based on pertinent literature, please briefly demonstrate that there is a research gap and a need for this gap to be filled.

- **Aim of the project:** Please state the aim of your intended research.
- **Approach:** Briefly describe the procedure- e.g., the methods you are going to apply in order to achieve the aim of your project.
- **Relevance:** Briefly state the expected results, explain the relevance your project might have for scientific and, if applicable, non-scientific stakeholders.

Academic CV

Please provide a brief 1-page resumé of your academic career.

Letter of Support**

We ask that you submit a 1-page Letter of Support from the university you are affiliated with. Your home institution should provide information about your relationship to, and functions at the University, and express support in your participation in this course. In case you have been selected for the course, please present another letter of support from your superiors, which will guarantee your full-time participation.

** This letter is an **optional** document to submit, however, priority selection will be given for those who have it.

File Format

Please title all **pdfs** according to the following example:

“familyname_firstname_expose”

“familyname_firstname_CV”

Important Notice:

- The Deadline for applications is June 12th 2021, 11:59 PM (Palestinian Time).
- Only 20 participants will be selected according to the quality of their exposé and their CV.
 - Applicants will be given a final decision by mid of June, 2021.

TRAINER PROFILE

The trainer teams consist of academic trainers, regional and international experts. The course trainers will share knowledge on important principles of grant writing that are independent of a certain disciplinary field and on fundamental structural elements that are required by most of the international funding organizations. Regional and international experts will also provide grant writing knowledge from the perspective of their scientific disciplines and from a regional perspective.



Ithar Beshtawi

Dr. Ithar Beshtawi is the Head of the Optometry department at An-Najah National University in Palestine. She is an Assistant Professor in Optometry, she holds MSc and PhD degrees in Optometry from The University of Manchester. In 2017, Dr. Beshtawi won the Daniel Turnberg UK/Middle-East Travel Fellowship Scheme and conducted a research visit to the University of Manchester and the University of Liverpool. In her academic field, Dr. Beshtawi has published many research articles in high impact factor scientific journals and has been invited to present research papers in numerous national and international conferences. Additionally, she won An-Najah National University Award for Research Excellence and Quality of Publication in 2014, 2016 and in 2017 for her excellent research. Dr. Beshtawi has been active in many projects in the university such as: “Public health and human rights”, “Curriculum and skill development in vision rehabilitation”, and “JUSUR programme for vision rehabilitation of partially sighted Palestinian youth”.



**Mohammad
Abuabiah**

Currently, Dr. Abuabiah is an Assistant Professor with the department of Mechatronics engineering, An-Najah National University. Dr. Abuabiah received his B.Sc. degree in Mechatronics Engineering in 2013 from An-Najah National University and his M.Sc. degree in Mechatronics Engineering (cum laude) and the PhD degree in control system engineering, from Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, in 2015 and 2019, respectively. Dr. Abuabiah had the opportunity to participate in different international conferences, as the main presenter and chaired/co-chaired sessions, such as the American Control Conference in the USA, Conference on Decision and Control in Australia and Symposium on System Identification in Sweden. He was also a research assistant at the Manipal Institute of Technology in India, working in developing an Anti-Reset Windup methodology for the PID controller. Finally, Dr. Abuabiah was involved in developing and designing a robust controller for a dual-clutch transmission system in collaboration with FCA/Centro Ricerche Fiat – Torino.



Ihab H. Alsurakji

Dr. Ihab H. Alsurakji is an Assistant Professor of Thermo-Fluid in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at An-Najah National University. Alsurakji holds a Ph.D. degree in Mechanical Engineering from KFUPM since 2016. Dr. Alsurakji earned his M.Sc. from KFUPM and B.Sc. from An-Najah National University. For the last nine years, Dr. Alsurakji worked solely on research topics related to energy conversion, multiphase flow, and heat transfer finishing more than seven projects as principle and co-investigators. The research interests of Dr. Alsurakji are in Thermodynamic, Multiphase Flow, Drag reducing Additives, Waste Treatment, and Sustainable Energy.



Omar Abu Abed

Dr. Omar S. Abu Abed is an assistant professor of drug delivery and nanomedicine at the Arab American University in Palestine. He started his academic career in 2017. Dr Abu Abed had received his postdoctorate training at King's College London after finishing his PhD in 2016. He was awarded many prestigious awards and research grants from national and international societies and funding agencies, e.g., the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Federation of European Biochemical Society, DAAD, and MoHE/Palestine. Also, he has got many research fellowships in Germany, Italy, Canada, and the UK, that were awarded by the DAAD, Zamalah, PQSB and PGSB. His current work involves the preclinical translation of novel nanocarriers for the delivery of small and macromolecules for the therapeutic and diagnostic purposes of metabolic disorders and cancer. Dr Abu Abed is supervising PhD and MSc projects of several postgraduate students in Palestine and Europe. He is an active member of different international scientific societies, e.g., the Royal Society of Chemistry and the International Society for Extracellular Vesicles.



Suha Butmeh

Miss Suha Al Butmeh is a lecturer and researcher at Al-Quds University, she studied medical technology and completed her Master degree in mental health. Miss Suha Al Butmeh worked as a researcher in cooperation with DFG, German Research Foundation and handled part of her experimental research in Germany. Miss Suha Al Butmeh recently works in Cancer research in Palestine.

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