

Preparatory work sheet

Short presentation of a research project

Voluntary preparation for the pitch in the proposal writing workshop

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Assignment

Please provide a brief sketch of a post-doctoral project or research project in your academic field [the natural sciences, the life sciences, medicine, the humanities, the social sciences]. Your sketch should focus on the following cornerstones:

- >> Innovative research project, original idea
- >> Focussed and realistically dimensioned project with two-year funding
- >> Hypothesis?
- >> Keywords: Please characterise your project using a few [4 to 5] appropriate key words
- >> Contain a work program including intended research methods
- >> Financial planning including a budget, ie allocation of funds with regard to the following categories:
 - > Interns or staff
 - > Consumables
 - > Travel expenses
 - > Publications
 - > If applicable, further expenses
- >> Cooperation partners [research, knowledge transfer]
- >> Further bullets points can be added, of course.
- >> Change of perspective – Question: If you were providing external funds for this project, why would you do so?
- >> Career planning – Question: Which role does this project play in your career development? [Provide brief information about your academic background, which may prove helpful.]

Presentation in the workshop

The workshop will give you an opportunity to introduce your research project. You will have roughly 5 to 7 mins to present your project. You can use PowerPoint. There will be an opportunity afterwards for a brief discussion [further details will be discussed in the workshop].

NB

It is not the aim of this assignment to present the “perfect project”! It is intended, rather, that you introduce a project and important aspects of your planning within a specified time limit. The goal is to “translate” your idea into a clearly structured work programme and into a financial plan in order to convince others of the quality of your research project.