

ORGANISATION

DATE

Thursday, 15 October 2026

Lectures

10.00 - 14.00

Workshop

14.00 - 17.30

LOCATION

Lectures

- Face-to-face event
Lecture Hall, Deanery of the Medical Faculty
Albert-Schweitzer-Campus 1, Building D3, 2nd floor
Domagkstr. 3

Workshop

In 15-minute one-on-one sessions you will receive competent and individual advice on your application.

- Classroom event
Conference Room, Deanery of the Medical Faculty
Albert-Schweitzer-Campus 1, Building D3, 1st floor
Domagkstr. 3

LANGUAGE

Lectures

Lectures will be presented in English.

Workshop

Consultations may be in English or German as preferred.

REGISTRATION

Participation is free of charge.

Lectures

We kindly ask you to register at <https://go.wwu.de/yn25m> for the purpose of creating a list of on-site participants.

Workshop

If you need individual advice, please register at <https://go.wwu.de/hwc32> to make an appointment.

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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HOW TO WRITE A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Experiences - Tips - Consultations

**Information event
& Workshop**
15 October 2026
for early career scientists
and first-time applicants
in life sciences



HOW TO WRITE A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Writing an eligible proposal is a *key step* in turning your ideas into action and shaping your scientific career. However, the complexity of a good proposal is challenging, especially for early career scientists and first-time applicants.

A promising application is characterized by originality, timeliness, precision, comprehensibility, focus as well as feasibility and elegantly avoids shoals in terms of content and form and generates joy in the review process.

The following experienced and competent speakers would like to support you today in the successful design of your (first) grant application:

- ▶  Dr. Andreas Strecker
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG
- ▶  Dr. Stefan Boese
Deanery of the Medical Faculty Münster
- ▶  Prof. Dr. Thomas Pap
Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine Münster
- ▶  Prof. Dr. Ulrich Dobrindt
Institute of Hygiene Münster

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

10.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Deanery of the Medical Faculty

LECTURES

10.05 **Writing a DFG proposal**

- Presentation of DFG structures and funding programmes
- Basic information on writing a DFG proposal (State of the art and preliminary work, objectives and work programme)
- Focus on Individual Grants Programmes - Individual Research Grants (Advice on the individual chapters of the proposal, e.g. on ethics, animal experiments, CBD/ABS)
- Special features of Coordinated Programmes (e.g. Research Units, Collaborative Research Centres)
- Perspectives and tips for (first-time) applicants

*Dr. Andreas Strecker
Programme Director
Group Life Sciences 2, DFG*

11.00 **The funding landscape for junior scientists**

- Presentation of the funding landscape in life sciences with a focus on funding opportunities for junior scientists
- Mechanisms and search engines for identification of suitable funding opportunities
- EU funding instruments such as Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Internal funding programmes of the Medical Faculty (IMF, IZKF) in comparison to DFG funding

*Dr. Stefan Boese
Section Research, Evaluation
and International Cooperation
Deanery of the Medical Faculty*

11.45 **Break**

12.30 **Writing a clinical research proposal**

- Experiences and tips of a successful applicant
- Special requirements and needs of clinical scientists in the design of a proposal

*Prof. Dr. Thomas Pap
Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine*

13.10 **Writing a medical research proposal**

- Experiences and tips of a successful applicant
- Special requirements and needs of medical scientists in writing an application
- Review / evaluation of proposals - Experiences from the DFG Review Board

*Prof. Dr. Ulrich Dobrindt
Institute of Hygiene*

13.50 **Closing**
Deanery of the Medical Faculty

WORKSHOP

14.00 - 17.30 **Individual advice on the application process**

- You will receive competent advice and specific assistance for your application
- 15-minute individual consultations
- You are welcome to bring your proposal with you

Dr. Andreas Strecker, DFG

