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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Introduction to grant writing

2526-102R-09

Title

Introduction to Grant Writing

Teacher

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Language

English

Short description

Objectives of the course are:
• Teach the basic skills of Grant Writing
• Provide an overview of the Italian and European projects landscape
• Introduce basic strategies and tools to search for forthcoming calls (e.g. EU Funding&Tender portal)

The course is preceded by a lesson in which some aspects of contemporary science will be illustrated and

discussed, from excessive competition for re-search funds and academic positions, to the constant growth of publications, from the uncritical use of bibliometric indexes to ethically questionable behavior.

After the course, the candidates will be able to understand GW terminology and to approach a project proposal according to the standard sections required by most of the proposal templates, in particular:
• SMART Objectives
• Methodology including transversal aspects
• Workplan including Work Packages, Tasks, Deliverables, Milestones
• Impact
• Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation
• Project Management
• FAIR DAta Management elements
• Open Science Practices outline

Target audience

Ph.D students (preferably 3rd year, not binding)

Maximum number of participans

Min 10
Max 40

Assessment method

Assessment of practical exercises (either in presence or in remote attendance)

NOTE: an overall attendance (either remotely or in presence) of 70% of the course is required to have the credit approved, therefore students must attend a minimum of 3 of the 4 planned lessons (2 hours per lesson for a total of 8 hours of the course). The last lesson, that will include a practical exercises on the contents of the course, is compulsory to obtain the credit. The teachers will register the attendees at the beginning of each lesson.

CFU / Hours

1 CFU / 8 hrs

Teaching period and mode

13/04/2026 10:30 am 12:30 pm U6-41
14/04/2026 14:00 pm 16:00 pm U6-40

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17/04/2026 14:00 pm 16:00 pm U6-40

In presence (preferred) with the option to attend remotely

course registration on “Segreterie online”: from 16/03/2026 to 08/04/2026

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