

## Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Charles University take pleasure in inviting you to the European Research Council (ERC) applicants' workshop on **HOW TO WRITE A COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL?**

The interactive workshop will be focused on proposal writing. To provide you with more time for preparation of a competitive proposal the workshop will be divided into two subsequent parts - **first part will be held on 11 and 12 June 2018** and will consist of two-day intensive training in ERC proposal writing. Together with an experienced ERC evaluator we will discuss in detail your CV, abstract of your proposal as well as evaluation criteria and essential components of a competitive ERC proposal. Afterwards you will have a unique opportunity to work with a successful ERC project from the field of social sciences and humanities or life sciences (depending on your choice), to meet its principal investigator and to play the role of an evaluator in order to understand what should be stressed in a real proposal.

**The second part of the workshop will be held on 21 September 2018** and will consist of individual presentations of the applicants' ideas and a discussion with other participants, experienced ERC grant holders and ERC evaluators from the applicants' fields of research.

To maximize the impact and effectiveness, the workshop is opened **only for ERC Starting/Consolidator (eventually also Advanced) grant applicants who already work on a grant proposal**, which they intend to submit to the **2019 ERC Work Programme calls**.

To attend the workshop the applicants are required to send a **CV (max. 2 pages), a short abstract of the proposal (max. 2000 characters)** and their **early achievements track-record (max. 2 pages) in one file** and according to the instructions in the [Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2018 Calls](#) (using the ERC template)<sup>1</sup> to Ms Z. Dvorakova ([dvorakovaz@tc.cz](mailto:dvorakovaz@tc.cz)) **till 27 May 2018 at the latest**. We kindly ask you **to register as soon as possible, even if you have not yet finalised the materials requested**.

All materials will be considered as confidential. **The quality of the received materials will be decisive for confirmation of the participation at the workshop. Registration will be confirmed no later than 7 June 2018.**

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<sup>1</sup> Please use [the template from the last \(2018\) call](#) for the purpose of our training.

## DRAFT PROGRAM

**Date:** 11 – 12 June 2018  
**Place:** Technology Centre CAS, Ve Struhách 27, Prague 6  
**Registration:** <http://geform.tc.cz/ERCworkshop2018>  
**Trainers:** **Zdeněk Strakoš**, ERC evaluator and panel chair, Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics  
**Petra Fedorová**, MSCA & ERC NCP, Technology Centre CAS

### 11 June 2018

**09.30 – 10.00**      **Registration**

**10.00 – 10.15**      **Introduction**

**10.15 – 11.15**      **Interactive part 1: Competitive CV & proposal abstract**

**11.15 – 11.25**      **Q&A**

**11.25 – 12.10**      **What are the evaluation criteria and how do the panels work?**

**12.10 – 12.20**      **Frequent comments from the evaluation summary reports**

**12.20 – 12.30**      **Q&A**

**12.30 – 13.15**      **Discussion, networking and light lunch**

**13.15 – 14.00**      **Interactive part 2: Your proposal**

**14.00 – 14.30**      **Discussion and networking**

The event is free of charge, however, a registration is required. The capacity is limited (first come, first served). The workshop is part of our training module „How to successfully participate in H2020?“ and is held within Czech Republic in the European Research Area 3 project framework (CZERA 3 - LTI18020) supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic.

**12 June 2018**

## **MORNING SESSION – LIFE SCIENCES AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING**

(Open to researchers who have chosen to participate in the life sciences/physical sciences and engineering session when registering to the event)

- 09.45 – 10.00**      **Registration**
- 10.00 – 12.00**      **Interactive part: evaluating an ERC proposal from LS8 panel** (Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology: Population, community and ecosystem ecology, evolutionary biology, behavioural ecology, microbial ecology)
- 12.00 – 12.15**      **ERC grant holder success story**
- 12.15 – 12.45**      **Discussion and wrap-up**
- 12.45 – 13.30**      **Networking lunch**

## **AFTERNOON SESSION – SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES**

(Open to researchers who have chosen to participate in the social sciences and humanities session when registering to the event)

- 13.15 – 13.30**      **Registration**
- 13.30 – 15.30**      **Interactive part: evaluating an ERC proposal from SH1 panel** (Individuals, Markets and Organisations: Economics, finance and management)
- 15.30 – 15.45**      **ERC grant holder success story**
- 15.45 – 16.00**      **Discussion and wrap-up**
- 16.00 – 16.20**      **Networking coffee**

The language of the event will be English in case non-Czech speaking researchers will register. Translations will not be provided.

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