Project Management for Researchers at SDU

2015

Project Management

Research Grant Proposals

Management of Complex Projects

Target group
The course has been specially designed to equip SDU researchers to lead major research projects.

Aim
The purpose is to strengthen the prospects for financing, to enhance project management and to ensure project completion by involving cooperation partners in an appropriate way.

Content
The course Project Management for Researchers is divided into three modules and there are no requirements as to completing all of them within the same semester. The course is specially designed for researchers, PhD students or English-speaking employees.

1-Project Management
This module will provide you with knowledge and tools to manage a project. Furthermore, you will be provided with ideas as how to present the project and knowledge about where to look for help as a researcher at SDU. You will be working with:

- Preparation of goals
- Partner analysis
- Milestone and detail planning
- Risk analysis
- Organization
- Implementation

2-Research Grant Proposals
During this course, you will learn to write competitive project applications. Using a realistic simulated application and evaluation process, you will improve your own proposal, understand funders requirements and get the opportunity to network, and exchange feedback with the other participants. The expected learning outcome include:

- Understanding the factors that give a competitive edge to applications
- How to frame a project for funding purposes
- Learn the craft – practical exercises in relation to application writing
- Career planning and strategy in relation to funding possibilities
- Overview of research funding in Denmark
- Insight into a typical evaluation process
- Knowledge on where to get assistance

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3-Management of Complex Projects

To participate in this course you are required to have completed *1-Project Management* or a previous version of Project management for researchers. In *2-Management of Complex Projects* the participants are in focus and you will be provided with knowledge and tools to manage complex projects. You will be working with:

- Group development
- Preference models
- Facilitation and management of meetings
- Situational leadership

Comments from previous participants

Associate Professor Ulla Gro Nielsen received 6,5 million DKK from The William Foundation:
"The Course gave a good introduction to the unwritten guidelines for project applications, and especially how you present your project in an interview in the best possible way."

Professor Lars Boje Mortensen received 37 million DKK from the Danish National Research Foundation:
"The course was valuable in two different ways. On the concrete level, I got ideas to the presentation of my project, and I learned about rules and resources in the SDU organisation. The classes and discussions with people outside my academic field, overall gave me a greater reflection on project management, which I also can use later in life."

Associate Professor Mette Krogh Kristensen attended the course in the fall 2009 and has reflected on the course:
"I have become aware of how to lead a project. As I attended the course, I was in the middle of a 5 million DKK fund for a 3 year long research project with 5 employees. The tools have been very useful to me, and I often look at my timetable and stakeholder analysis. It gives me comfort, knowing that I am doing it well. The course has given me some thoughts upon the way we work with project management, and I think it can be difficult to make it a common project. I have now designed and filed a new project application, in which I have tried to take cooperation, motivation and matching of expectations into account and be more clear in the division of responsibilities. I have therefore decided that all participants from now on should be a part of the common empirical collection to create consensus, ownership and commitment. To be a leader is something I have reflected upon, and I think, it is very exciting, but also challenging: To lead is something that lies very close to your personality..."

Knowledge about project management makes it easier to write a good application and accommodate the stricter requirements from external financing sources.

Instructors

The main instructor is Christian Berg Larsen, former consultant and instructor in project management at Implement.
The presentations at the course
2-Research Grant Proposals will be held by employees from research support units from SDUs faculties, and guest presentations from experienced reviewers.

Dates and prices

It is possible to apply for funds from Kompetencefonden (except for course 2): http://www.sdunet.dk/Personale/Kompetenceudvikling/Soger-du-nye-kompetencer/Kompetencefonden.aspx

1-Project Management
Price: 6.400 DKK
Course is equivalent to 3 ECTS

2-Research Grant Proposals
Price: 1.500 DKK
Course is equivalent to 2 ECTS

3-Management of Complex Projects
Price: 6.400 DKK
Course is equivalent to 2 ECTS

Registration and other information

You can sign up for the course or read more about it
at the website below.
http://cuu.sdu.dk/

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