

ERC Grant Writing Workshop

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Rationale for this workshop

public consciousness. A proposal's overt function is to persuade a committee of scholars that the project shines with the three kinds of merit all disciplines value, namely, conceptual innovation, methodological rigor, and rich, substantive content. But to make these points stick, a proposal writer needs a feel for the unspoken customs, norms, and needs that govern the selection process itself. These are not really as arcane or ritualistic as one might suspect. For the most part, these customs arise from the committee's efforts to deal in good faith with its own problems: incomprehension among disciplines, work overload, and the problem of equitably judging proposals that reflect unlike social and academic circumstances.

NOTE

- This presentation shows the experiences shared by many panel members and successful grantees
- It gathers also most common features seen in succesful (and not successful) proposals
- All the proposal information given in this presentation is public and available at different internet sites (ERC, CORDIS, eshorizonte2020.es)

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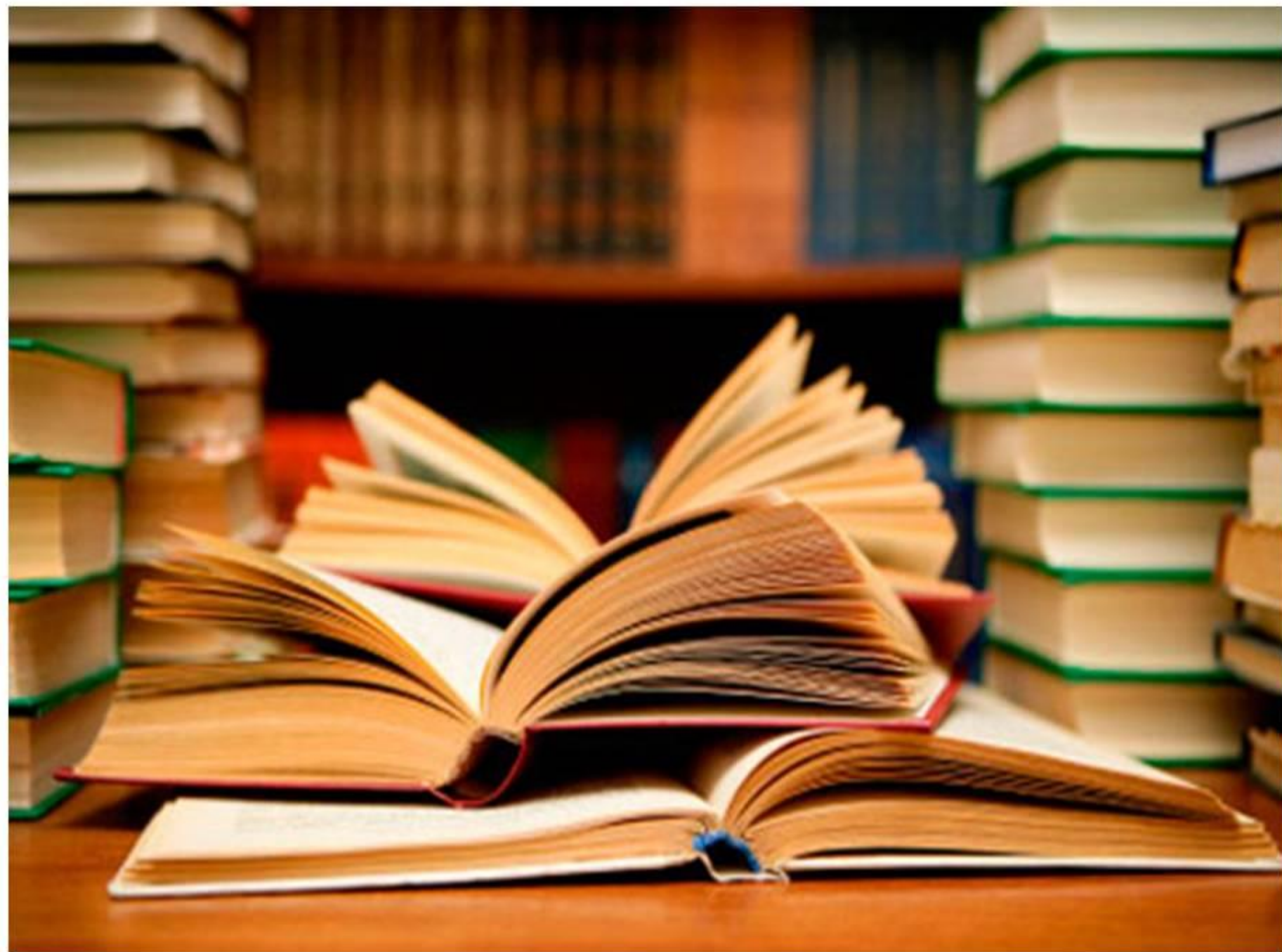
Two levels

- I. On ERC specific issues
 - I. Panel structure
 - II. 2 step evaluation
 - III. Evaluation questions
- II. On grant writing
 - I. Your audience
 - II. Text structure
 - III. Tips & tricks

Three stages

- I. Before any writing
- II. The first draft
- III. Proof reading

BEFORE ANY WRITING...



Basic recommendations

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Minimum profile
Evaluation questions!
Evaluation process
Panel description



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<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/>



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Resources for this course

ERC specific info

- ERC Work Programme 2015

http://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Work_Programme_2015.pdf

- ERC Information for applicants StG and CoG 2015

http://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/info_for_applicants_stg_cog_2015.pdf

- ERC rules for submission and evaluation

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/common/1605116-h2020-erc-se-rules_en.pdf

Research Grants

- AACC Series:

http://www.aacc.org/publications/clin_chem/ccgsw/pages/default.aspx

- NIH resources: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_tips.htm

Clear Writing

- <http://webaim.org/techniques/writing/>
- <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/Clear, Concise, and Direct Sentences.pdf>
- [http://ec.europa.eu/translation/writing/clear_writing/how to write clearly en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/translation/writing/clear_writing/how_to_write_clearly_en.pdf)
- Edit & Proof read: Purdue OWL:
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
- “Writing in the Sciences”, Prof. Sciani, Stanford University:
<http://online.stanford.edu/course/writing-in-the-sciences>

Where to get more information

Contrast this information and your ideas as much as possible!

- Grantees
- Reviewers
- Colleagues at large