

GrantLab

Inside the review room

What if you could listen in on the panel deciding your research funding?

With GrantLab, you can. This unique, hands-on training course provides deep insights into the grant proposal review process through a highly realistic simulation, from writing a grant to selecting fundable projects.

GrantLab is designed to increase your chances of securing funding by putting you inside the review room.

Who is it for?

GrantLab is tailored for **early-career researchers**, from PhD students to Associate Professors, who are preparing to submit—or have submitted—their first grant proposals.

How does GrantLab work?

GrantLab consists of **two intensive in-person training days**, with a **3-4 week gap** in between for participants to complete key exercises:



GrantLab: Key Learning Takeaways

After completing *GrantLab*, participants will:

- ✓ Understand how funders select winning proposals
- ✓ Gain **insider knowledge** of the review process
- ✓ Develop a **toolbox** for crafting stronger proposals
- ✓ Learn how to **interpret and apply reviewer feedback**
- ✓ Significantly improve their chances of securing funding



If participants bring their own real-life projects to the course—which is strongly encouraged—*Grantlab* will not only provide training, but directly promote their careers by significantly improving their chances of acquiring funding now and in the future.

The *GrantLab* concept was designed at Uppsala University in Sweden and had immediate measurable success in significantly improving the success rate of early-career researchers.

The *GrantLab* model has helped countless researchers to obtain funding to support their career development over the past two decades, as is evident from testimonials:

What Participants say:

- “Great course! Trying to put yourself in the reviewers shoes really gives you a feeling for, how ‘spot-on’ your application needs to be!”
- “The simulated review panel gave the participants a real feeling of what a proposal looks like in the eyes of the reviewers. I highly recommend the course!”
- “I regret not having taken a course like this 1-2 years ago, and I think it should be taken by every young researcher :)”
- “The course was well-designed and accomplished the aims/outcomes described. I enjoyed especially the second day session in which we put into practice what we learned on day one.”

More information

Background: This course concept was designed and offered for the first time at Uppsala University, Sweden, in 2005 and immediately proved to significantly boost participants’ success rates with grant proposals. The concept has since been developed continuously, adapted and tested at many institutions and organizations in different countries.

Adaptations: The course may be adapted to different disciplines, funders, funding instrument, national systems, or other conditions. The first day can be split up and/or delivered partly or wholly online. However, it works better as a face-to-face event.

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