

Call for Applications

Training School: How to Secure European Research Funding. Shared Experiences

5–6 May 2027 · University of Split, Croatia

Application deadline: 1 December, 2026

Writing a successful European funding proposal can feel like cracking a secret code. Who better to explain it than the researchers who have cracked it themselves? As part of the training activities of our project, we are devoting two days to those at the earliest stages of their research careers. Drawing on the first-hand experience of team members and guest professors, we will share what works, what doesn't, and what we wish we had known at the start. Our aim is for participants to leave with the skills and confidence to approach European calls and give their proposals the best possible chance of success.

Draft of the programme

Wednesday, 5 May 2027

- 14:00 – Welcome and introduction
- 14:30 – Seminar on Marie Curie Staff Exchanges
- 15:30 – Seminar on COST Actions
- 16:30 – Roundtable
- 17:30 – Close of the day

Thursday, 6 May 2027

- 10:00 – City tour
- Lunch
- 15:00 – Seminar on ERC Starting Grant
- 16:00 – Workshop on preparing project proposals
- 18:30 – Close of the Training School

Who can apply?

The school is open to enrolled Master's students and PhD candidates and any Post doc candidate with an ongoing formal link with a CIRCE partner institution.

What level of English is required?

An intermediate or advanced level, since the training school is built on lively discussion and active participation.

What do we offer?

10 (ten) travel grants of a maximum amount of €650 per person.
Students who are selected for the training school may apply for the grant through their home university.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to increase the amount of the grant for particularly deserving candidates travelling from distant countries, where the standard grant would not be sufficient to cover reasonable travel costs.

How to apply

Please send, by 1st December 2026 midnight CET:

- a motivation letter (700–1,000 words), telling us why you want to join and what you hope to take away;
- a CV (maximum 3 pages).

Applications should be sent to bfranco@geo.uned.es
(Please note that application sent later than 1 December will not be taken into consideration).

Who will select the applications?

Applications will be evaluated by the CIRCE organising committee. Precedence will be given to those candidates whose motivation letter will show that their academic path or future profession will benefit from the methods that they will learn during the training school. A fair balance among genders and among disciplinary backgrounds will be preserved.

Award procedure and requirements

The candidates selected by the CIRCE organising Committee will receive official confirmation via email.

Funding sources

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Organising committee

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