

The PCoMS &RISME professional skills training online seminar on

English research proposal writing

February 18 (FRI.), 2022

13:30-15:30

Online virtual meeting



Young researchers in Japan have a lot of chance getting research fund such as KAKENHI, JSPS Research Fellowship (DC1, DC2), and so on.

However, many of non-Japanese young researchers do not have the chance of knowing details of the system of research fund, and experiences of other researchers who have got research funds.

In this seminar, we offer you an opportunity of acquiring tips and ideas to make your research proposal more attractive.

Main Target

young researchers :

DC students, PDs, Assistant professors
+Anyone who is interested in English research proposal writing

Registration

Pre-registration required by 17:00 on Feb. 16
free of charge
<http://pcoms.imr.tohoku.ac.jp/R03/PCoMS-ERPW2022>

Capacity: 100 persons

First-come-first-served basis
when the capacity is exceeded

Speakers and Titles of Talks

“Knowing” Your Evaluation System and “Telling” Your Story Effectively

-For JSPS KAKENHI and Research Fellowship (DC1/2) Applicants-

Makoto SHIDA

Research Coordinator, URA, Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (WPI-ASHBi), Kyoto University

Persuasive Writing for Early-career Kakenhi Proposals

Theresa DAVEY

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University

Tips for Writing Research Proposals in Japan


Izabela Irena RZEZNICKA

Professor, Graduate School of Engineering and Science, Shibaura Institute of Technology

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Programs

- 13:30–13:35 **Opening address**
Momoji KUBO
Project Leader, Professor, Professional development Consortium for Computational Materials Scientists <PCoMS>, Tohoku University
- 13:35–14:15 **“Knowing” Your Evaluation System and “Telling” Your Story Effectively
–For JSPS KAKENHI and Research Fellowship (DC1/2) Applicants–**
Makoto SHIDA
Research Coordinator, URA, Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (ASHBi),
Kyoto University
[Abstract]
In order to write an effective grant proposal, knowing how and by whom your proposals will be evaluated is essential. In the talk, I will walk you through the evaluation system and the rating elements for JSPS’ s KAKENHI and Research Fellowship (DC1/2) so that you will know what evaluators are looking for. The next step is to attract and to convince the evaluators with your research story. I will share strategic storytelling techniques and tips for effective grant writing so that you can structure your storyline for an effective grant proposal.
- 14:15–14:40 **Persuasive Writing for Early-career Kakenhi Proposals**
Theresa DAVEY
Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University
[Abstract]
To obtain research funding, it is essential to have a convincing idea, and equally importantly, to prove that you will be able to successfully complete the project. Transitioning from being a student or postdoc to a principal investigator applying for independent funding can be challenging when you have limited experiences to evidence your capabilities. Based on my experiences with adopted Early-Career Kakenhi proposals, I will share what I have learned about making the most of limited previous experience in independent research to demonstrate the necessary skills and abilities (or the systems in place to develop them). Additionally, I will share writing tips that I have used for more persuasive proposals, including active writing strategies to assure the reviewer that the idea is innovative, exciting, and easily achievable.
- 14:40–15:05 **Tips for Writing Research Proposals in Japan**
Izabela Irena RZEZNICKA
Professor, Graduate School of Engineering and Science, Shibaura Institute of Technology
[Abstract]
In this talk, I will share with you some pointers on writing research proposals in Japan. The talk will begin with discussing general points when writing a research proposal. They will include comments on how to formulate research questions, how to structure your research proposal and study plan. You will learn how to make your proposal look simple, logical and concise while underlying originality and feasibility of the proposed project. Those tips will be explained using adopted Kakenhi C and JST research grants. Finally, I will underline a few points which you should keep in mind when writing research proposals in Japan.
- 15:05–15:25 **General Q &A**
- 15:25–15:30 **Closing address**
Toshihiro KAWAKATSU
Chairperson of PCoMS Innovative Professional Development Committee, Professor, Tohoku University

<Notes>

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