

# DIES Proposal Writing Courses for Research Projects

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at Chulalongkorn University, Kingdom of Thailand**

**June 30th–July 4th 2014 – 3 Months of E-Learning – December 15th–19th 2014**



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On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) the DIES Proposal Writing Courses Co-ordination Centre at the University of Cologne, together with the Faculty of Economics of Chulalongkorn University are organizing a training course on

**“Proposal Writing for research projects: practical-oriented training for New Researchers”**

*Seminar I: June 30th–July 4th 2014, Chulalongkorn University, Kingdom of Thailand*

*Intermediate E-Learning Section: July–September (3 months)*

*Seminar II: December 15th–19th 2014, Chulalongkorn University, Kingdom of Thailand*

## Course Description

The course is part of the DIES (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies) programme of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK). The aim of the DIES Proposal Writing Course is to train researchers and young PhD holders in developing a promising research proposal for national or international research funding (every participant will have the opportunity to tailor their application to the funding institution of their choice). Researchers from all disciplines can apply for this course. Each group will consist of 30 participants from the region. Because of its multi-national nature, the DIES Proposal Writing Course is also an effective tool for promoting international research and relationships.



# Learning Approach

Using a blended learning approach, the DIES Proposal Writing Courses are structured in three sections: two on-site seminar sections (Seminar I and Seminar II) and a trainer guided intermediate e-learning section.



## Seminar I (June 30th – July 4th 2014, Chulalongkorn University)

Seminar I will provide basic knowledge and basic technical skills that are needed to design, write and budget a potentially successful research funding proposal (e.g. to transform an abstract research idea into a proposal) on the basis of lectures, group work and exercises.

Attendance and active participation from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm is required.

## E-Learning Module – Intermediate E-Learning Section: July – September

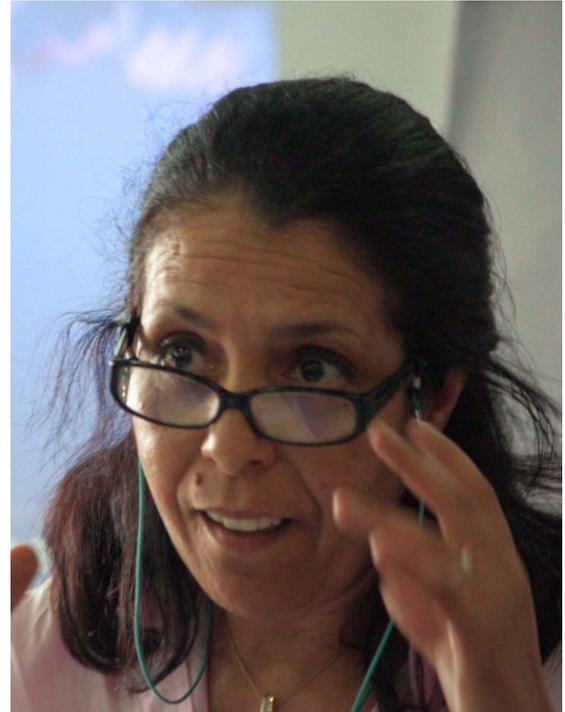
Primary objective of the e-learning is to enable the participants to submit a 10-page draft of his/her research funding proposal.

During the e-learning section the participants will work on their research funding proposal (including creation of a working plan and a budget plan) at their home institution and further develop it under the guidance and online counseling of the trainer team. 11 online chapters for self-study will be offered. Each chapter includes about 2 hours of interactive multimedia learning material and exercises. This content is specifically designed to turn theoretical knowledge into practical skills that will help develop a successful research proposal. Additionally, personalized online support will be offered to all participants. This includes a virtual classroom for meeting and discussing with course mates and trainers. Participants should budget three hours per week in order to optimize their use of the e-learning module (submission by September 31st 2014).

## Seminar II (December 15th–19th 2014, Chulalongkorn University)

During the second seminar, the research funding proposal drafts will be presented, discussed, evaluated and fine-tuned in a participative review process. The objective of this seminar is to engage in a collaborative feedback process between trainers and participants and ultimately develop a final draft. At the end of Seminar II, the research funding proposals should be ready for submission to research funding organizations.

Attendance and active participation from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm is required.



## Participant Profile

Potential participants are researchers and young PhD-holders from Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

- Participants must hold a doctoral degree or have equivalent research experience,
- Have an affiliation to an academic institution in the above mentioned countries,
- Possess excellent English language skills, both written and spoken.
- Preferably young researchers up to 40 years of age are welcome to participate.

## Trainer Profile

The trainer teams consist of German and international experts: Grant writing experts will share their knowledge in the field of research funding, subject-specific trainers will provide expertise in the field of a scientific discipline.

# Partner Profiles

**Chulalongkorn University:** Thailand's oldest and most prestigious university has been instrumental for the country's development since it was founded in 1917. The university consists of 19 faculties, 23 colleges and research institutes. Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Economics ranked first in Thailand in the QS World University Ranking 2013 and 2014. The principal objective of the Faculty of Economics has been to undertake activities that promote economic and social development of Thailand.

**The University of Cologne:** The University of Cologne (UoC) combines innovation with tradition in its research and teaching since its foundation in 1388, which establishes its academic excellence as one of the best-known German universities. In 2012 UoC was distinguished as German University of Excellence.

**proWiss (Consulting Services for Researchers):** proWiss Consulting Services assist individual researchers and institutions of the higher education sector to develop and enhance research activities and to improve the efficiency of the institutions' researchers, faculty members, staff, and administrators.

## Funding

The costs for this training course will be mainly covered by funds of the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Following expenses will be covered:

- Course expenses (expert-honoraria, infrastructure, organization, material): approx. 1.250 € p.P.
- Travel expenses: Travel to and from Bangkok up to a pre-defined maximum rate. We kindly ask the participants to make their own travel arrangements – they will then be reimbursed in cash upon arrival in Bangkok
- Accommodation and meals during the two 5-day seminar modules in Thailand (according to DAAD regulations)

**Expected co-funding:** Participants and/or their home institutions are expected to cover local transportation in their home countries (for example: taxi to airport), visa costs (if applicable) and possible additional per diems for the stay in Thailand. Also, health insurance and other additional costs will have to be covered by participants and/or their home institutions. Use of a computer is not required during Seminar I and II, however participants who have a laptop at their disposal should consider bringing it.

## Application Requirements and Process

Applications can be submitted on our webpage at <http://proposalwriting.globalsouth.uni-koeln.de> Following the link under "Information for Applicants" you will find the Online Application Form, which will be available starting from **April 1st 2014**. Please fill out all fields and upload all other application requirements (as mentioned below) on that form.

### Letter of Support

We ask that you submit a letter of support from the university you are affiliated with. They should provide information about your relationship to, and functions at the university, and express support in you participating in the DIES course.

### Academic CV

Please provide a brief résumé of your academic career.

## Exposé

We request you to submit a 2-page exposé (approximately 5 000 characters) outlining your research proposal. This exposé should include the following sections and information:

- Applicant's name, disciplinary area of the proposal, and title (approximately 100 characters)
- Introduction: WHAT is your research idea? Please outline the idea in an introductory paragraph.
- Relevance: WHY is your project relevant? Please describe the state of the art in relation to your project idea and specify the research gap you intend to address. Specify the research questions you will address in order to fill the gap. Tell us about the innovative potential and objectives of your project.
- Methods: HOW will you achieve the project's objectives? Please describe the methods you are going to apply and briefly outline the work programme.
- Impact/Implications: WHICH impact will your project have? Describe the potential impact your project might have for scientific and, if applicable, non-scientific stakeholders.

## File-Format

Please title all documents (pdf-format) according to the following example:

"familyname\_firstname\_support"

"familyname\_firstname\_CV"

"familyname\_firstname\_expose"

**Deadline for applications is April 30th 2014, 11:00 pm German time.**

30 participants will be selected according to the quality of their exposé and also based on regional and institutional profiles. Applicants will be given a final decision by the end of May 2014.

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