



Workshop

Understanding The Grant Evaluation System: What Evaluators Look For When Reading Proposals, Expert Reviews, And Candidate Responses In Interviews And Rebuttals

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Abstract:

As the subtitle suggests, in this workshop we will consider what evaluators look for when reading proposals, expert reviews, and candidate responses during interviews and formal written rebuttals. Along the way, we discuss various ways in which relevant issues related to these topics can be addressed. For example, one of the most fundamental skills needed when applying for funding is getting across the significance of your research and how it potentially will add to what is already known on the topic. How can you formulate such a statement and integrate it into your grant proposal? How do you address concerns or criticisms raised in the reviews? If the granting organization allows you to write a rebuttal, how should you handle the shortcomings – to what extent should you be flexible in your design ideas and when do you hold fast? If you are invited for an interview what qualities of the candidate do the panel members consider? Depending on the interest of attendees, we will examine in depth, how these tips can be applied to the General Research Fund/ Early Career Scheme/Collaborative Research Fund grant applications.

About the speaker:



Judith Semon Dubas, Ph.D. is Emeritus Professor of Developmental Psychology, Utrecht University, The Netherlands. She served as president and secretary for the European Society on Family Relations. Much of her research focuses on the role of reproductive transitions within the family (puberty and child birth) and how these impact and relate to family relations, and child and adolescent adjustment. She is particularly interested in how characteristics of the person (pubertal timing, personality) interact with characteristics of the environment (family, peer, culture) in explaining individual differences in adjustment, risk taking, and prosocial behavior.

Judith Semon Dubas has served as an expert reviewer for several National and International Funding Agencies including the Dutch Research Council in the Netherlands (NWO; Social Sciences and Humanities – Open Initiative Grants and Individual Talent Grants: Veni, Vidi, Vici), The Research Foundation Flanders in Belgium (FWO; Cross-discipline Odysseus Individual Talent program) and the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT; Cross-discipline talent program).

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