

ECADOC Webinar – Strategies to Fund Your PhD



Overall Program

1. General Information

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Timeline:

1. Tuesday, October 25, at 10am (Paris Time)
2. Tuesday, November 2, at 10am (Paris Time)
3. Tuesday, November 29, at 10am (Paris Time)

Participants / Registration:

Up to 18 participants can join the course. Please register with Johannes Katsarov at johannes_katsarov@hotmail.de until October 14, 2016.

General information

- Some books and papers will be recommended prior to the beginning of the webinar.
- Each participant should complete all assignments.
- Group exercises will be conducted on an online platform. The trainer will be able to interact with each group. All participants will need to install a plugin for the online platform in advance of the training (instructions will be provided).
- A 6-month follow-up will be possible. Every three months, participants will receive an e-mail asking about their progress and at the end of the 6-month follow-up, an individual video-conference will be organized. If participants are not interested in a follow-up, they can just inform the trainer.

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2. Programme

First webinar: *Ready to get funding for your PhD?*

1. Introduction / Presentation of the trainer and participants
2. The critical steps for a successful PhD (group exercise)
3. Relationships between a doctoral dissertation and a doctoral journey
4. Get funding for a PhD? What are we talking about?
5. Discussion/Q&A

Assignment #1

Find a PhD student or a postdoctoral student at your university (and preferably in the same research field) who has already obtained funding (grant, scholarship, fellowship ...) during her/his doctoral program and ask her/him how he/she proceeded to get it. Ask her/his permission to share her/his experience with you. Based on her/his experience, prepare a brief report including the following items:

- a. Provide in few lines a description of her/his academic situation (of course, keep all the materials anonymous);
- b. Provide in few lines a description of the funding he/she obtained;
- c. Identify all the tasks and report all the information in a Gantt chart;
- d. Summarize her/his key ideas about the relevant strategies to funding a PhD (using bullet points)
- e. Describe how her/his strategies may be relevant regarding your own situation.

Second webinar: *A personal experience of writing funding applications*

1. Mapping of funding opportunities in your environment
2. Role of your PhD supervisor when looking for funding opportunities
3. Good vs. bad application forms (group exercise)
4. Discussion about the assignment #1: What are the critical points to funding a PhD?
5. Discussion/Q&A

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Assignment #2

a. Identify at least ten funding opportunities (websites) for which you are eligible to apply.

Identify both individual and collaborative funding opportunities (at a national or an international scale);

b. For each funding opportunity, providing the following information: Eligibility, individual vs. collaborative, national vs. international, estimation of time to complete the application form, deadline, fit between your profile and the criteria;

c. Rank the five best funding opportunities regarding your situation.

Third webinar: *Toward an entrepreneurial approach of getting funding for your PhD*

1. Can we create our own funding opportunities?

2. In-basket exercise: Work on an individual funding opportunity

3. Focus group: Work on a funding opportunity involving an international collaborative research/training project

4. Feedbacks/discussion: What are the next steps?

5. Discussion/Q&A