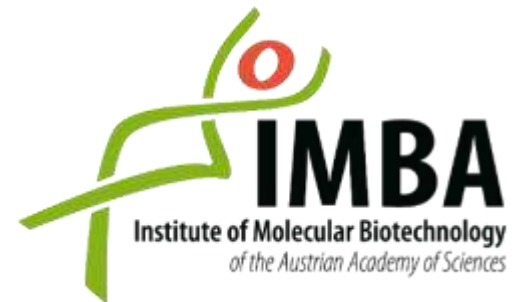


Tips and tricks for the successful ERC grant proposal

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‘ubiquitination and immune responses’



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Background

Immune responses and ubiquitination

- Since **2011** Group leader, IMBA, Vienna, Austria
- 2005-2011 Postdoc and staff, Frankfurt University, Germany
- 2003-2005 Staff, Osaka University, Japan

Education

- 1999-**2003** PhD thesis
Osaka University, Graduate School of Dentistry, Japan

My experiences with the ERC grant

StG 2012, consolidator stage

LS3 (Cellular and Developmental Biology)

unsuccessful (Step 1), B (39-48%)

CoG 2013

LS1 (Molecular and Structural Biology and Biochemistry)

successful, A

7 external reviewers

Tip 1. Understand the evaluation process

'Innovative projects'

step 1: by panel members > general

5-page short proposal

step 2: + by external reviewers > experts

full-proposal

A balance of general and more detailed information

Tip 2. Choice of the panel

- **check previous panel members**
- **(probably) no experts on your research topic**
- **recommendation by panel members**

Tip 3. Interview

My experiences:

10 min (sharp) talk using power point

15 min discussion after the presentation

What helped me:

- **Rehearse talks with ERC grant holders/
experienced ERC panel members**
- **Workshop by the national contact point**

Take home

- **Innovative projects- a clear message and a big picture**
- **Eligibility (X years after your PhD)**
- **Short (more general) and full (for experts) proposal**
- **Choice of the panel**

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