



PhD Course

Funding opportunities and writing research proposals

block course: 17.03. 2026 9:30 – 12:30; 18.03. 2026 9:30 – 12:30, 20.3. 9:30-12:30

ESP 36, 4030/31

Course Instructor: Prof. Dr. Tom Stargardt (UHH), Prof. Dr. André Hajek (UKE)

Course Value: 1 SWS or 2.5 LP

Assessment/Student evaluation: Home assignment; grading will be pass/fail.

Course Language: English.

Software: N/A

Prerequisites: None

Registration: Please register via STiNE. For all organizational matters please contact e-mail andrea.buekow@uni-hamburg.de.

Course Overview & syllabus:

This course will introduce into most common funding formats for writing research proposals. Furthermore, we will introduce into the basics on structure of proposals, budgeting and (for group formats) consortia composition. Moreover, we will also cover review and assessment procedures to enhance understanding of the decision-making behind research grants and to underline the importance of following application guidelines.

The course is designed for PhD students of the Research Training Group ‘Managerial and economic dimensions of health care quality’ and it will put special emphasis on the subdiscipline of health economics / health care management.

Funding Opportunities 17.3.	Public research grants for single persons / small groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DFG research grant - EU - MSCA – IF – program (individual fellowships) - EU – ERC – program (individual fellowships) 	André
	Public research grants for groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DFG (research groups, research trianing groups, collaberative re-search centers) - EU projects 	Tom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMBF projects 	
	<p>Non-public funders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - industry - foundations - associations of health insurers or providers - ministries 	Tom
Writing re- search pro- posals & as- sessment 18.3.	structure / basic requirements	André
	cost calculation / budgeting	Tom
	<p>Review and assessment procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DFG research grant (André) - MSCA-IF (Tom) 	André & Tom
Group work	<p>Task: Assess a real research proposal according to DFG criteria in groups.</p> <p>Present results on 5 slides (1. innovativeness, 2. state of the art of methods, 3. reasonableness of calculation, 4. quality of applicant, 5. decision on proposal).</p>	
Presentation of group work and Q&A 20.3.	<p>Presentation of group work, discussion</p> <p>Q&A</p>	André & Tom