



Pan-European Network For Neuroscience Research Infrastructure and
Strengthening of Support Capacities (PANERIS)

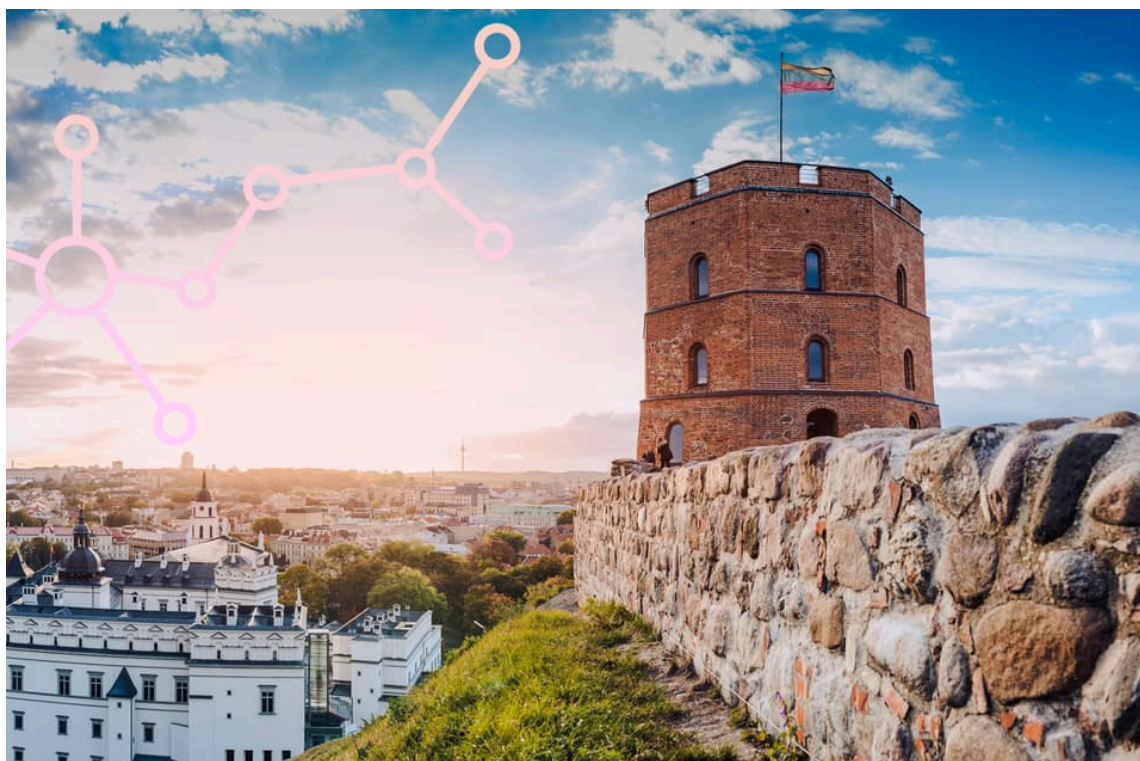
PANERIS Summer school transferable skills

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Workshop title

Strategic Grant Writing: From Scientific Idea to Successful Proposal

This interactive workshop is designed to enhance participants' competitiveness in securing research funding by equipping them with practical, immediately applicable skills. Emphasizing that grant writing is not merely a writing task but a strategic endeavor in project management and scientific communication, the session will provide a comprehensive overview of how to approach funding proposals more effectively.

Participants will learn:

- how to develop and structure scientific ideas,
- navigate key proposal sections critical to success,
- prepare strategically for submission.

The workshop introduces practical tools and planning techniques tailored to fellowships and project grants, offering insights into both content development and process optimization.

Training is delivered through a dynamic mix of partner work, hands-on exercises, and facilitated group discussions. Innovative didactic strategies are used to create an engaging learning environment, with a focus on leveraging the participants' real-world experience. Whenever possible, real proposal materials are integrated into the training to increase relevance and impact. Participants may be asked to complete short preparatory tasks to maximize workshop effectiveness.

By the end of the session, participants will have acquired a structured toolkit and new conceptual frameworks to support their grant writing journey, increasing their chances of success in competitive funding environments.

Transferable skills

Trainers



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Dr. Gavin Lucas is a scientist with over 13 years of experience in biomedical research and an accomplished author's editor, consultant, and trainer. In 2013, he founded TPM Science, where he has since led a team that has supported the development and refinement of more than 700 scientific publications and over 120 H2020 and Horizon Europe funding proposals across a wide range of disciplines and institutions.

With a strong publication record of his own, Dr. Lucas has extensive experience in national, European, and international research projects. He is also a seasoned trainer, having delivered more than 300 workshops focused on transferable skills for researchers. His consultancy work spans research institutes, public agencies, charitable foundations, and private companies, where he advises on training strategies and scientific productivity.



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Dr. Juan Abolafia holds a PhD in Neurophysiology from the Fundació de Recerca Clínic Barcelona-IDIBAPS and the University of Barcelona. His research background spans seven years in neurophysiology and cognitive neuroscience, supported by four mobility fellowships. He has authored multiple publications in international peer-reviewed journals and presented at numerous international conferences.

He has served as an Assistant Lecturer in neurophysiology at the University of Barcelona and has also taught at the University Miguel Hernández and the European University of Madrid.

Since 2012, Dr. Abolafia has worked in research management at IDIBAPS, leading the Pre-Award European and International Projects Office since 2019. In this role, he is dedicated to fostering international collaboration and innovation in biomedical research.