



# Yellow Research

## Applying for Your Personal Grant

### 1. The Online Training

The current circumstances, where we are all more or less in quarantine, provide an excellent opportunity to order your thoughts with regard to grants that will help you develop your scientific career. In H2020, the competition for individual grants like ERC and MSCA is fierce because these grants are becoming more and more important for young researchers to safeguard a successful research career.

In this entirely online training, we will dig into How to present your project idea and how to demonstrate that you are the best PI for the project. Therefore we will address what that means and how to “build” such a CV. But above all, how do you present your capacity and expertise to execute the project successfully?

This workshop prepares young researchers to become competitive candidates for prestigious individual national and European research grants.

### 2. Programme Outline

Webinar 1 starts with an overview of the main European research programmes of H2020, with a focus on the individual grants ERC and MSCA. Followed by an explanation on how we have learned over the years to contextualize the principles and objectives behind a grant as well as the specific vocabulary. What is for example what is a potential break-through in science or engineering and what will be considered ground-breaking contributions for each of these fields? This will be contextualized for your specific discipline.

We will explain the benefits of understanding the Logical Framework of Grant writing and how to use this to test if your ideas fit the objectives of the grants.

Understanding the evaluation criteria is an important aspect of being successful. In the webinar we will discuss how to assess the evaluation criteria and what are quite often the so-called “hidden criteria” like career mobility and novelty of the idea.

We use our understanding of the Marie Curie grants to discuss the importance of developing your scientific capacity to a level of independence that will allow you to ultimately apply for an ERC grant.

The webinar will emphasize how a tool like the Logic Tree for Grant Writing will allow you to keep absolute control over the scientific logic of your project while adapting it to the required format of the grant.

Webinar 2 will be a follow up webinar where we will be based on your input on any item that you have struggled with provide elucidations. Further we will elaborate how you do a self-assessment of the quality of your proposal by conducting a Red-Pencil check.



#### 2 Live Webinars with Lotte Jaspers

The webinars offer the opportunity to reflect on what it takes to write a successful individual grant.



#### Full set of Handouts

The handouts will be provided to be used either as a note taking aid while following the webinar, or as an *aide memoire*.



#### Background Factsheets

These sheets have been developed over the past 16 years by Yellow Research. They capture our latest insights what panels are looking for.

### 2. Benefits

- Now is the time to Start: Use this awkward time to think about the big questions that are important for the future research directions in your field;
- Our online material for any aspect of writing an ERC grant will allow you to sharpen your thinking and strategize your actions
- The remote access allows you to be flexible in scheduling the studying the materials
- As an extra benefit is that it provides an eco-friendly alternative to our regular training where we all had to travel 😊

### 3. Structure

The applicant will receive the tools and understanding needed to write a competitive scientific research proposal.

### 4. Trainer

**Lotte Jaspers**, founding partner of Yellow Research, has extensive experience in running workshops for individual grant applications at European and national funding agencies. The recent years Lotte has actively supported hundreds of successful ERC applications across all streams and fields. The online materials that we make available in this course capture the steep learning curve the EU has witnessed since the introduction of the ERC grant and what this means for writing your individual grant proposal.