

1,5-day workshop

How to build a research career perspective: research profile and third-party funding

KIT-Campus Alpin, 16-17 October 2024

Gaining more and more professional independence is essential for postdocs on an academic career track. One important step towards this goal is to develop a unique research profile. This profile is visible in publications, projects and collaborations, forming a distinctive identity and track record for early-career researchers. Another important step is to apply for third-party funding, which in turn enables postdocs to, e.g., develop their own research, set up a group and network with other scientists. Postdocs often support their supervisors in preparing third-party funding proposals, however, valuable for one's own academic profile are applications that are successfully submitted independently. This workshop wants to support postdocs in planning next career steps against the background of current academic career pathways and trends, and in developing their research profile. It provides essential information on funding organizations and programs, and on what to consider when planning a proposal.

Contents of this workshop

- considering next career steps
- overview on current academic career pathways
- overview on funding organizations
- funding programs for early-career researchers
- planning and preparing a grant proposal
- understanding review processes
- developing a distinctive research profile

The on-site workshop includes presentations and discussion, individual and group work.

Target group

The workshop is targeted towards a maximum of 8 advanced PhD students and postdocs.

Timetable

Day 1: **16 October 2024, 9:00 – 17:00**

Day 2: **17 October 2024, 9:00 – 13:00**

Application

Please register by submitting a motivation email (in cc to the advisor) to Elija Bleher (elija.bleher@kit.edu) **latest by July 29, 2024**. We allocate the 8 places following a first come, first served approach.

Trainer

Dr. B. Elija Bleher (KIT/IMK-IFU) was awarded a PhD in Ecology at RWTH Aachen. She has international research and grant acquisition experience. Since 2012 her main focus is on graduate training and career development of early-career researchers at KIT Campus Alpin. She is a freelance trainer and coach for scholz ctc GmbH and gives workshops on career development and third-party funding for early-career researchers at German universities and research institutions.

