Navigating Brussels with ELLS 2024

How can the EU help you to develop your scientific career?

3-day intensive course organized by ELLS ST Research Support Offices
June 4th-6th 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Get to know the European research programmes for young scientists
Experience project development in an intercultural, interdisciplinary, international team
Network with colleagues and friends from around Europe
Get to know the secrets of Brussels institutions and European policies

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Deadline for application: February 15th 2024 (or until all 24 places are filled)

What does this course include?

The course consists of a mix of presentations, site visits, workshops and networking opportunities that will provide participants with:

- an introduction to European research programmes for young scientists and key elements of grant writing
- tools to assess the current status of their career and to identify strengths and fields for development
- a better understanding of the workings of European research policy and funding and incorporate this knowledge in future project applications
- knowledge about research-related job opportunities outside of academia and industry

Who can apply?

This course is designed for junior postdocs (1 yr < PhD < 3 yrs). To make the course interactive, the number of participants is limited to a maximum of 24 persons, i.e. four places per participating university. The registration is binding. Repeat participation is not possible.

How much will it cost?

There is no course fee. Enrolled participants will receive a travel subsidy of EUR 300 to contribute to transport and accommodation costs. Lunches, coffee breaks, and a joint dinner on June 4th are included. Participants pay for other meals, travel, accommodation, travel insurance and personal needs (from their own or university-allocated resources).

How to register?

Registration opens on January 8th, 2024. Please use the online application form. The applicants will be informed by e-mail about next steps in Mid-March, accepted applicants will be asked to confirm their participation by contacting a local coordinator by April 10th, 2024.

Time Frame & Locations

The course runs from June 4th at 09:00 to June 6th at 15:00 and will take place at several locations near the European Parliament. A detailed program will be provided in time to the selected participants.

Selection criteria

We will select participants on a first-come-first-served basis after the following selection criteria are met:

- The candidate must meet all eligibility criteria
- The candidate must write a good motivation for joining the course
- A gender balance of participants must be selected from each university
- Participants must represent a diversity of the academic departments within each university (usually, no more than one candidate will be selected from a single department)