

The NextGen Science WinterSchool equips early-career researchers with practical skills to transform innovative scientific ideas into competitive, high-impact research projects.

Combining interactive workshops, proposal-writing exercises, and peer-review simulations, the programme guides participants through every stage of project design, grounded in three core pillars: **excellence, impact, and implementation.**

Participants gain insights into funding schemes, reviewer evaluation criteria, and science diplomacy to build international multidisciplinary consortia and address global challenges.

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PROGRAM

DECEMBER 15

DAY 1 — RESEARCH LANDSCAPE

14:00-14:30

Welcome & Opening Ceremony

14:30-15:30

Research governance and funding opportunities

15:30-16:00

Excellence, impact and implementation: how projects are evaluated

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-17:30

From Research Ideas to Funded Projects — Round Table

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DAY 2 — BUILDING A COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL

09:00-10:00

Designing Research: Scientific Independence, Resources & Impact

10:00-11:00

From an Idea to a Credible Project

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:15

Project Architecture: Objectives, Methodology & Expected Results

12:15-13:00

Risk Management, Deliverables & Intellectual Property

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-14:30

Interactive exercise: proposal evaluation

14:30-15:30

Proposal evaluation simulation

15:30-16:00

Proposal writing laboratory

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-17:30

Group Work: developing a competitive proposal

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DAY 3 — FROM PROPOSAL TO INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

09:00-10:00

Writing Strong Research Proposals: Excellence, Impact & Implementation

10:00-11:00

Proposal Writing Workshop

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:15

Peer Review Simulation: Inside the Evaluator's Mind

12:15-13:00

Feedback and Discussion

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-14:30

Introduction to Scientific Diplomacy

14:30-15:30

Science Diplomacy for Global Challenges

15:30-16:00

Building International Research Networks

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-17:30

International Consortia, Networking & Funding Opportunities

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DAY 4 — SCIENTIFIC ECOSYSTEM

09:00-12:15

Technical Visit

12:15-13:00

Closing Remarks

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-14:30

Departure