

# COURSE

## • *Securing Funding for* • • *Ophthalmology Research –* • • *From Idea to Award* •

How do you turn your research idea into a successful proposal?

How should you interpret a call for proposals?

Where do you find the right funding opportunities?

Does your research fit within an EU funding programme?

How do you convincingly present your work to a grant committee?

What does “pathway to impact” really mean?

If these questions sound familiar, we invite you to join the three half-day course ‘*Securing Funding for Ophthalmology Research – From Idea to Award*’.



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# June 12, July 3, Sept 11 2026

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**Program:** This three-part, half-day course is designed to guide you through the complex landscape of national and international funding opportunities. You will gain practical, hands-on experience in developing competitive grant applications, both for personal grants and collaborative consortium grants.

The course will cover (1) Identification of suitable funding opportunities (Dutch and EU grants); (2) Developing an idea into a well-structured funding proposal; (3) Writing a compelling funding proposal; (4) Understanding and writing the impact section; (5) Defining the budget; and (6) Preparing for grant interviews. Active participation is required (i.e. bring your research idea, pitch your research, receive feedback from course leaders and other participants, and provide feedback on ideas from other participants).

**Target group:** Final year PhD students, Postdocs, Junior PIs

**Course dates:** Friday June 12, 13-17h; Friday July 3, 13-17h; Friday September 11 13-17h

Participation in all three sessions is mandatory.

**Location:** Domus Medica building, Utrecht

**Costs:** 150 euro for 3 afternoons

You will receive a short online intake form from the trainer prior to the first training session.

**Registration:** see QR code at front or [click here](#)

