

# DCR Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians

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<b>Description</b>	<p>Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians is designed for clinicians seeking to enhance their skills regarding applications for grant funding for clinical research projects written in English.</p> <p>DCR's Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians offers an intensive course—spanning 6 months—focused on grant application material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• planning</li> <li>• writing</li> <li>• developing</li> <li>• revising</li> </ul> <p>Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians is ideal for clinicians who seek to submit grant applications to funders after the course ends, although clinicians with other submission goals are welcome.</p> <p>Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians organizers expect full commitment from participants, including attendance at all scheduled events (3 individual writing consultations and 3 group workshops).</p>
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>DCR Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians Objectives across 4 Knowledge Domains:</b></p> <p><b>FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember sources and resources for funding opportunities and calls for proposals.</li> <li>• List qualities of good scientific writing.</li> <li>• Order the various written aspects of grant application packages logically.</li> </ul> <p><b>CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain writing as a human and social activity.</li> <li>• Describe the 4 recursive parts of the writing process.</li> <li>• Assess research question quality and study design type.</li> </ul> <p><b>PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compose high quality and complete grant writing components and materials.</li> <li>• Differentiate techniques for improving the quality of grant writing components.</li> <li>• Compose research plans for review by different audiences (ethics commissions, clinical trials).</li> </ul> <p><b>METACOGNITIVE KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriately use personal strengths for medical grant writing.</li> <li>• Execute a plan for creating grant application package materials.</li> <li>• Achieve a successful reading and writing regimen to complete grant application materials by predetermined submission dates.</li> </ul>

	The next Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians takes place between January–June 2025. Please refer to the next page for the full list of dates and times.	
<b>Dates</b>	The Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians is offered twice a year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January–June</li> <li>• June–December</li> </ul>	
<b>Eligibility</b>	Clinicians at Inselspital and PhD students of Graduate School for Health Sciences, University of Bern. Other post-graduate students and external participants admitted if aligned and space permitting. Good Clinical Practice course 1 strongly recommended.	
	Medical Grant Writing for Clinicians involves 3 individual writing consultations and 3 group workshops.	
<b>Course Structure</b>	<b>Lecturers</b>	<b>Topics</b>
	Eva Pedersen	research plans and research questions; citation management and please check with her for other topics
	Carmen Jörg Fetscherin	budgets and budgeting for clinical research
	Kristin Bivens	writing as a process; qualities of good medical grant writing
<b>Assessments</b>	Participants write a foundational research protocol using a pre-determined format and receive individualized writing guidance on the protocol. The foundational research protocol is assessed by the facilitator, along with pre- and post-course survey assessments.	
	2 ECTS (1 ECTS = 25–30 hours work)	40 hours
<b>Credits</b>	<b>Preparation work</b> (individual)	
	<b>Contact work</b> (3 individual writing consultations and 3 group workshops)	10 hours
	<b>Follow-up work</b> (individual)	15 hours
<b>Location</b>	sitem-insel (Freiburgstrasse 3, 3010 Bern)	
<b>Course Fees</b>	CHF 1'000	internal participants (Bern University Hospital & University of Bern)
	CHF 2'000	external participants
<b>Register by</b>	December 15, 2024 Maximum 9 course participants	
<b>Contact</b>	DCR Education & Training at <a href="mailto:education.dcr@unibe.ch">education.dcr@unibe.ch</a>	

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January–June 2025

Course Activity	Date	Place
<b>Writing Consultation 1</b> 45 minutes	Between January 20–January 31	online <i>or</i> at sitem-insel
<b>Workshop 1</b> 150 minutes	Monday, February 03 16:00–18:30	at sitem-Insel
<b>Writing Consultation 2</b> 45 minutes	Between March 10–March 21	online <i>or</i> at sitem-insel
<b>Workshop 2</b> 150 minutes	Monday, April 21 16:00–18:30	at sitem-Insel
<b>Writing Consultation 3</b> 45 minutes	Between May 05–May 16	online <i>or</i> at sitem-insel
<b>Workshop 3</b> 150 minutes	Monday, June 02 16:00–18:30	at sitem-insel