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DBB has put a program in place to aid our researchers with grant writing. Obtaining research funding is an important part of the scientific process. It is an opportunity for our work to be evaluated by our peers and to fine-tune the focus and direction of our research. Some researchers nonetheless find this a daunting process, and especially new faculty may find it difficult to know how they should put together a research grant proposal in the best way. DBB has a voluntary-based committee that will take the responsibility to provide feedback at the early stages of the grant. It is open to all faculty at DBB.

See details below for instructions.

Grant committee:

David Drew
Anna Forsby
Marta Carroni
Gunnar von Heijne

Grant feedback committee

1. A group of 4 people have agreed to give grant feedback.
2. We think it would be the most useful to provide feedback at the early stages of the grant when the “ideas” are being formed and there is the possibility to make meaningful changes. “Early” is around 1 to 2 months before the grant deadline.
3. We ask for **1 to 2-page** summary of the grant with the key goals of the grant in bullet points and the feasibility of reaching these goals defined, your CV, and an online link to the grant being applied for. These guidelines are not mandatory, however, and we are still willing to provide feedback if a different grant format is provided.
4. The grant proposal summary can be submitted to David Drew ddrew@dbb.su.se, and we have committed to providing feedback within 1-2 weeks.
5. Feedback will be in the form of a verbal discussion with the applicant and some written feedback. The applicant is expected to provide a short verbal summary of the main ideas of the proposal.
6. Any information submitted to the committee will be kept strictly confidential and, even if the members are not scientifically close to the grant area, we think that there is enough experience to help improve how the grant is formulated. Nevertheless, if the applicant is in agreement we will reach out to other faculty for feedback if closer expertise would clearly benefit the proposal.