



136156 Writing a competitive research proposal

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Dates	Timetable	Topic	Room
14 April	01.00 – 4.00pm	Abstract; state of the art; research objectives; hypotheses; research methodology	Sala riunioni 2
21 April	01.00 – 4.00pm	project scheduling; potential impact; managing human resources; ethical considerations; budget planning	Sala riunioni 2
28 April	01.00 – 4.00pm	Presentations and discussions with students	Sala riunioni 2
5 May	01.00 – 4.00pm	Presentations and discussions with students	Sala riunioni 2

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

This seminar aims to introduce the key components involved in writing competitive research proposals. The seminar builds on insights from funded research projects coordinated by the instructor as Principal Investigator, including the Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship PROAFRI, the PRIN 2022 PNRR RESCRISES, and the FIS2 – Fondo Italiano per la Scienza Advanced Grant LUMINE.

The seminar combines conceptual and practical tools and includes discussions on topics such as writing compelling abstracts; elaborating the state of the art; defining research objectives and hypotheses; planning research activities; selecting an appropriate research methodology; project scheduling; potential impact; ethical considerations; managing human resources; and budget planning. By the end of the seminar, students will be able to identify and critically understand the main stages involved in the design and development of a research project.

The seminar will consist of both lectures delivered by the instructor and guided discussions with students. During discussion sessions, participants will be required to present and discuss some aspects of a research project they are currently developing - such as research questions and/or hypotheses and/or methodological choices - related to the writing of a thesis/paper project.

TARGET STUDENT

The seminar is designed for students enrolled in master's degree programs, particularly students in the LM GLOCAL and SSR programs, who are working on a research project (also in a draft version) that will be discussed during the seminar. Priority will be given to students working on topics related to collective action, civic and/or political engagement, migration.

REGISTRATION

Registration is obligatory and must be done online at <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito> by 07/04/2026 (minimum number of enrollment(s) for activation: 10 - maximum number: 12)

Please take note of the SANCTIONS PROVIDED for those who do not show up for the first and/or next meeting without having given proper notice. See <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito>

EXCEEDING ACTIVITY

Students will earn 2 credits (CFU) by attending at least 9 hours of the seminar and delivering a presentation. Assessment will be based on active participation and discussion of individual research proposals, including papers or thesis drafts.