

Academy Grant Week 2019: 'Getting to know the funding jungle and how to stand out from the crowd'



For the second time, the KTO in collaboration with the Career Development Centre, organised the 'Academy Grant Week' from 5-7 November. Researchers of all KNAW institutes were present, as participant, speaker or trainer during this three day event at the Trippenhuis.

Those who attended the Grant Week would like to see it repeated in 2020, in

the same multi-day format. Participants got to know various researchers of other KNAW institutes. The multi-day format was a good way to get the tools and information to further planning on realizing your research ambitions.

Here are some examples of feedback from participants:

"Very interesting was the inside look into judging EU proposals (sometimes the B section is never read)."

"Project management provided me with a good insight into the workings of large EU research projects. It is not something you should do on the side."

"The most important thing I learned was how to make your proposal comprehensible and more attractive to a wider audience than just the experts in your specific field."

The workshops ranged from an intensive VENI training track to a personal branding workshop focused on the important effect of 'appearance', for example when pitching your proposal to an interview committee. Lectures on the working of the Dutch funding landscape but also painting alternative ways to funding were part of the program. One of the highlights of external speakers was Julia Cramer, giving very valuable insights on science communication and the pitfalls you might encounter as a researcher when conducting science outreach.

The KNAW Career Development Centre was also available during the lunch breaks for researchers to give advice on building your CV or Linked-In profile.

Hope to see you at the Academy Grant Week 2020!