

IRTG Connect-a-thon: Call for research grant proposals

Your Graduate Program announces a groundbreaking funding opportunity, but with a twist - applicants must propose group projects with other PhD students. The grant aims to bring out the collaborative potential within the IRTG students' community.

Given that you would have all necessary resources at your disposal, and working as a group in collaboration, what scientific question would inspire your group, or what innovation could you develop together?

Goals:

- Exchange of the student's expertise gained during the duration of their doctoral research;
- By combining the diverse expertise within the field of chromatin research, we can unlock high potential for innovation;
- Exploring potential in the IRTG for collaboration and fostering new connections between students;
- Promoting the idea that by working together, we are empowered to push the boundaries of science.

Procedure:

Wed: Group get-togethers. Ice-breakers and introductions. Determine what talents, interests and expertise are in your group.

Wed/Thurs: Draw up and present a collaborative project proposal.

- Written form: Complete the proposal form for submission and documentation.
- (Thurs) Presentation: The format for presentation is flexible, open to your own ideas and creativity (e.g. pitch, graphical scheme, advertisement, model presentation, sketch). Time frame: approx. 10 min + 5 min discussion. Presentations should include the following:
 - What is the scientific question?
 - How does the collaboration benefit the project?
 - What are the contributions from the partners?
 - What is the mutual benefit?

On Thursday evening we will vote on a winning proposal. Criteria for choosing successful proposal are: innovation, potential impact in the field, creativity, inclusion of members.

Rules:

- It has to apply to chromatin (or epigenetics).
- Use the expertise/talents of everyone in the group - everyone makes a contribution.
- Be creative! Be innovative! This does not have to be a realistic proposal! You are permitted to speculate about potential methods, results, outcomes ... (i.e. delving into the realm of science fiction), but you can also work with current real possibilities (i.e. can we change something for the better now, or discover something new with a bit of outreach?)
- Please address your project's considerations on ethics, sustainability, science communication, diversity.