



# Navigating Brussels with ELLS 2025

## How can the EU help you develop your scientific career?

**Dates:** June 3-5, 2025

**Location:** Brussels, Belgium (various locations near the European Parliament)

**Organised by:** ELLS Research Support Office Team

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### Why join?

This 3-day intensive course will help you unlock opportunities for advancing your scientific career through European research programmes. Here's what you can expect:

- **Learn** about European research funding tailored to early-career researchers.
- **Collaborate** on project development in an interdisciplinary and international setting.
- **Network** with colleagues and peers from universities across Europe.
- **Discover** the inner workings of Brussels institutions and European policies.

### What will you gain?

Through a blend of presentations, site visits, workshops, and networking, this course will provide:

- An introduction to European funding programmes for early-career researchers and key elements of proposal writing.
- Tools to evaluate your current career stage, identify strengths, and develop new skills.
- Insights into European research policy and funding, and guidance to apply this knowledge to future proposals and projects.
- Knowledge of research-related career opportunities outside academia and industry.

### Who can apply?

- Final-year PhD candidates and junior postdocs (0–3 years post-PhD) at participating universities.
- Each participating university has three places available (24 places in total).
- Repeat participation is not permitted.

### Course costs

- **Course Fee:** Free.
- **Travel Support:** Participants will receive a grant to contribute towards travel costs.
- **Included:** Lunches and tea/coffee during the course and one joint dinner.
- **Not Included:** All other expenses must be covered by participants or their university.

### How to apply

- **Application:** Via an [online form](#)
- **Deadline:** **February 16, 2025**
- **Notification:** Decisions will be communicated by mid-March 2025
- **Confirmation:** Successful applicants must confirm participation by April 11, 2025

### Selection criteria

We will choose participants on a first-come, first-served basis, provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Eligibility requirements are met (employed at an organising university, correct career age)
2. A strong motivation statement is submitted
3. Gender balance is maintained among participants from each university
4. A diverse range of academic disciplines (max. one participant per department from each university)

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**Take this opportunity to deepen your understanding of European research programmes, expand your professional network, and experience the heart of EU policymaking in Brussels.**

**Apply and chart your path to success!**