

# Tips for MC proposal

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“Finishing touch” for your proposal

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# About Myself:

- IIF fellow (2011) from India, Astroparticle Physics.
- Doctorate from Kolkata, India.
- Post Doctorate at Hamburg.
- At the time of submission was in Germany for less than 12 months.

# Preparation of Proposal

- Exciting Project based on your expertise
  - Timely and Executable.
- Host capable of guiding your project
  - Expert in the field.
- Host Institute with the necessary facilities
  - Best if it is a renowned place in your field.
- Start well in advance, demanding job
  - 2 months is adequate, get a few past proposals.

# The Project :

(Basically a 'Plot' with you being the 'Main' character)

- Topic: Inspiring and Exciting for you and others
  - New and relevant.
- Explain: Plain words, Nontechnical and Simple
  - Introduction is equally important.
- Justify: Why you, your host and the host Institute
  - With examples, say your past publications.
- Planning: Clear objectives, tasks, plan of action
  - timeline must be clear and realistic.

# The Researcher

- Describe yourself with `nice' words (`sell' yourself)
  - Don't be humble, show off your achievements.
  - EU wants to `invest' and you are the best `stock'.
- Emphasize your publications `Importance' in the field
  - Independent , Interdisciplinary work & Project Leader.
- How your knowledge will be beneficial for EU
  - How your training will help your career and the other country.

# Some Final Tips

- Use a nice, catchy and short acronym.
- Write a short, simple but compelling abstract.
- Use Buzz words which are USP of your project.
- Non-academic side say conference organization.
- Don't be vague and sketchy, substantiate.
- Stress and repeat the main message.
- Take feedback from others.

# Some Final Tips

- There are some online forums of MC applicants.
- This forum (comments section) came in very handy for me.....

<http://ridertiger.hubpages.com/hub/EU-FP7-Marie-Curie-People-program-IOF-IEF-IIF-tips>

- Ask/help/interact past-present applicants.
- Cleared many confusions and kept me up-to-date.

Thank you!