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# High-Resolution Structure Determination of the Nuclear Pore Complex with Cryo-Electron Tomography

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# Why Marie Curie?

- How did you learn about IIF?

*Friends, but was suggested by present advisor.*

- Did you have any support when you prepared the proposal?

*Yes, from the EU office in the MPI Martinsried and a bit from the Department.*

- How did you define the project, when/how did you start writing the proposal?

*We settled on the topic during my visit to the lab. Everything else was done by e-mail. Unfortunately, I didn't have time to start until two weeks before the deadline :-P*

- Why (in your opinion) was your proposal successful?

*Host lab is excellent, I was a suitable candidate, and the project was very exciting and feasible.*

*Very importantly, the proposal conveyed all three clearly.*

- IIF is about transfer of knowledge: in how far do you transfer knowledge to your host institution?

*At the beginning I spent a lot of time learning completely new fields.*

*Recently I started participating in several projects using my expertise and I love it.*

# Do:



- ❑ Ask your host lab for annual reports, grant proposals, etc.
- ❑ Get hold of a couple of MC applications
- ❑ Read carefully the aim of a given section and write what they want to read, not what you want to say
- ❑ Ask the host lab for help in precise areas (not grammar correction)
- ❑ Ask native speakers or good writers to help you improve flow
- ❑ Accentuate the complementarity in expertise between you and the host lab
- ❑ Clearly state how transfer of knowledge will be carried out
- ❑ Make a detailed time line
- ❑ Give your proposal a smart name/acronym



# Don't:



## □ Be sketchy

"No detailed work plan is provided; timeline and milestones are sketchy."

## □ Be vague

"The description of potential collaboration in the long run are only generic and vague"

## □ Be humble!

