GETTING EXTERNAL FUNDING

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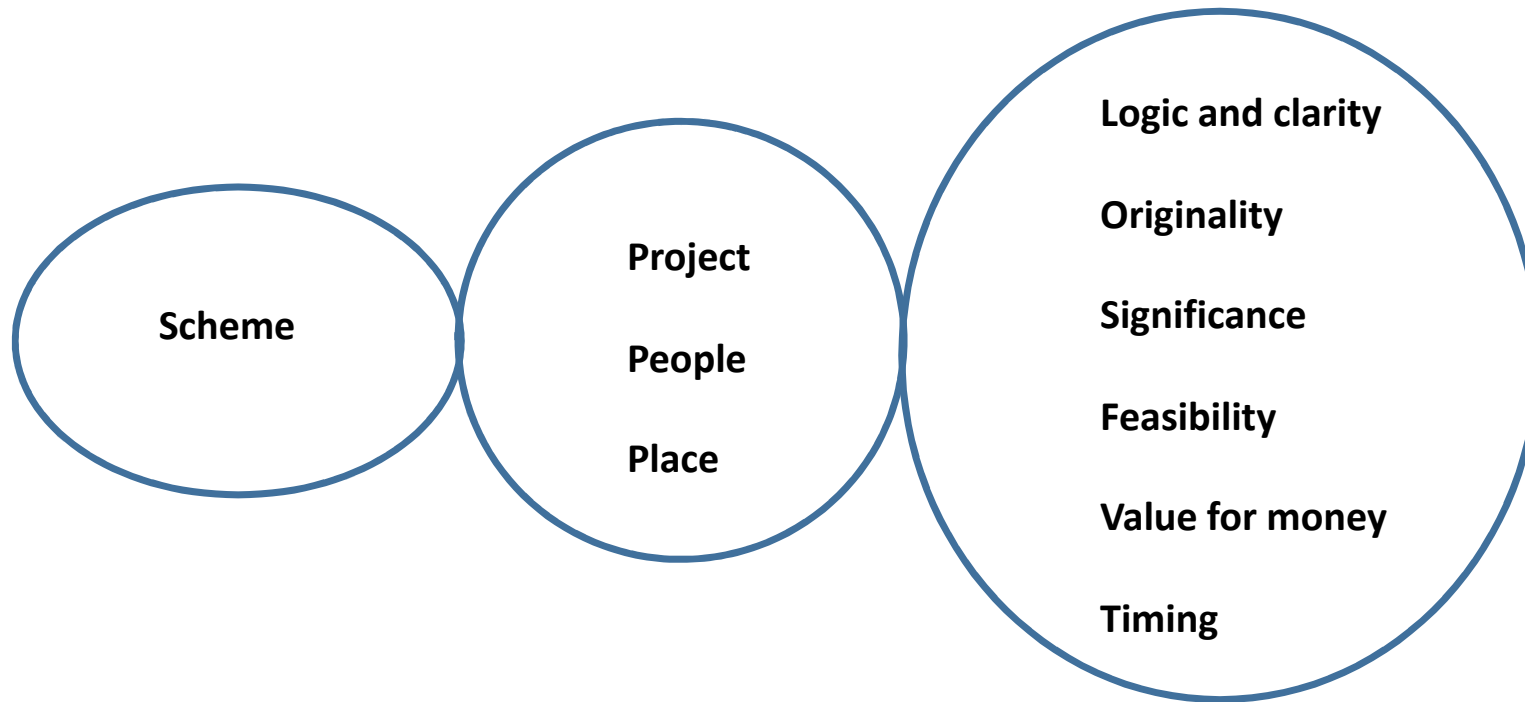**Department of Computer Science**
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Where to start

- Think about your research and career plans

- Think of reasons to apply

- Think of a good idea you feel excited about and supported by your track record

- Discuss and get advice from mentors, colleagues and research facilitators

- Be prepared for hard and intense work

- Remind yourself of the reasons to apply

Where to start

Scheme

Project

People

Place

Logic and clarity

Originality

Significance

Feasibility

Value for money

Timing

Scheme

Types of grants

- First/Pilot grant (1 year), Project grants (3 years), programme grants (5 years)

- Fellowships (Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Professorial)

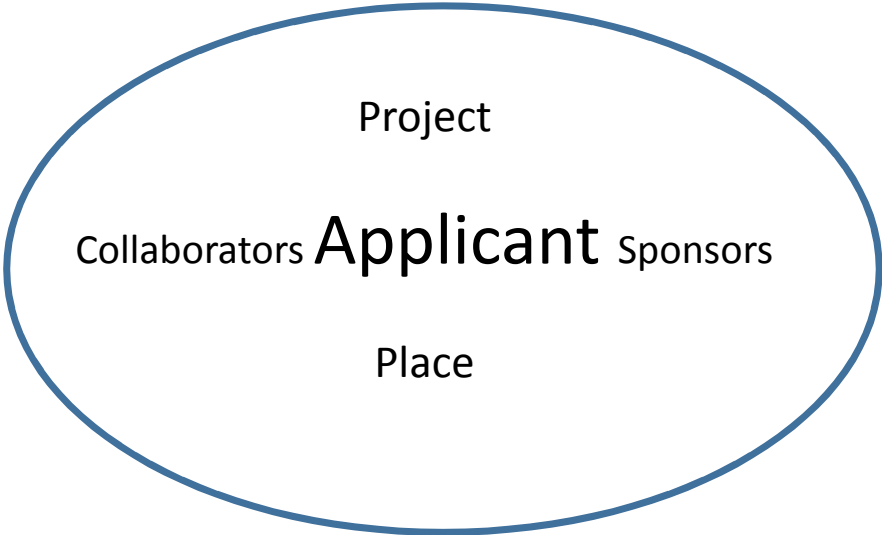- Consortium grants (European Comission, Partnership grants)

What to consider

- Eligibility

- Review criteria and process

- Intention of funding body (technology development, transfer, career development) – Ring and discuss!

- Priority areas of research (strategy plans of funding body)

- Funding level (direct costs, indirect costs, duration)

- Balance between research and administration

Scheme

Grant

Project

Co-Investigators, collaborators

Place

Fellowship

Project

Collaborators **Applicant** Sponsors

Place

Project

Logic and clarity   Is the proposal well motivated and easy to understand?

Originality   Is the main goal interesting and innovative?

Significance   Would the research solve an important problem, have some impact?

Feasibility   Is the proposed approach likely to deliver in the timeframe and with resources requested?

Value for money   Is the investment worth it?

Timing   Is this the right time?

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Case For Support (6 pages)

- Background (motivate research question and approach)

- Pilot data

- Aims and hypothesis

- Research Design to address the aims

- Expected value of results

- Management

- Limitations and Risks

Additional information
Justification of resources (2 pages)
Pathways to Impact (2 pages)
All sorts of summaries

People

Skills and Expertise

Track record

Career Development and Training

Feasibility

Value for money

Grant

- **Principal Investigator**
- **Co-Investigator**
- **Collaborators**

Fellowship

- **Applicant**
- **Sponsor(s)**
- **Collaborators**

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Place

Grant

Equipment

Space

Institutional support

Fellowship

Career Development

Equipment

Space

Institutional support

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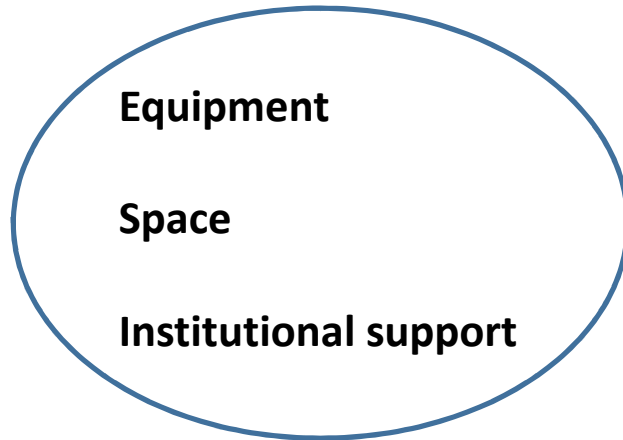
Timing

Right scheme at the right career point

Pilot data

Publication record

Overall state of the field and previous funding investments

Review process

Internal feedback

Eligibility checks by funding body

Reviewers

Panel triage

Interviews

Panel ranking

Decision

Criteria

Logic and clarity

Originality

Significance

Feasibility

Value for money

Timing

Not getting the funding

Happens very often
Frustrating
Upsetting
Annoying
…

Think it's a step to get funding
Perseverance – everybody fails!
Ask for feedback and use it
Be self critical
Think what might be the reasons
Improve your application/track record
Re-apply

Getting the funding

Exciting
Celebrate
Make the most out of it