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Young Investigator (SSMF Starting Grant, VR Starting Grant, ERC Starting Grant)
## Experience of feedback (to improve grant proposal)

**Scope of call/Strategy**  
- Call info  
- Evaluation criteria  
- Grants Office (GO)

**Draft concept**  
- Test on colleagues  
- (Test on GO)

**Hands-on writing**  
- Discuss with previous applicants  
- (Discuss with GO)

**Feedback on proposal**  
- Colleagues  
- (GO)

**Final edits**  
- Language editing?

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**Busy people – plan ahead!**
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Focus of feedback

— Which risk level is appropriate for the call?
— Complicated concept – how to illustrate/simplify?
— Independence vs collaborations?
— What to highlight in CV?

➢ Help with identifying what is unique

ERC StG

Other grants

Unclear clinical relevance
High-risk project

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