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Proposal Clinic

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There is a strong competition for beam time at the ESRF. Access is based on submission of a Research Proposal. The proposal success rate averages 45%, but certain facilities are more in demand than others. Proposal are judged primarily on scientific merit. Technical feasibility, safety and ethics must also be assured. Although the EBS project has led to a service interruption, the proposal submission deadlines for the next round of beam times are in January and March next year - depending on the type of access required. The purpose of this session is to provide information on the proposal writing and submission process, so that South African researchers can be ready for the Proposal Submission deadline early next year. There is also opportunity at this conference for new users to identify parters who are experienced users. This can greatly increase the success rate of applications for new users. It is particularly useful to partner with beamline scientists from the ESRF, or other collaborators, who are familiar not only with the proposal process, but also the samples preparation, the measurements and the analysis of synchrotron data.

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