

### Workshop on Writing Research Proposal on November 22, 2012

This was the first time such a workshop was organised at IIT Bombay. A total of 59 participants, including Prof. Sukhatme (Ex-director, IITB), Dr. Megha (Wellcome Trust/ DBT India Alliance), 42 faculty members across various departments, PhD students and staff attended the workshop.

Presentations were made on how to write a successful research proposal, budgeting and analysis of sponsored project proposals during the FY 2006-07 to 2010-11. The workshop turned out to be very helpful as it gave the audience a proposal reviewer's perspective. Similar workshops on proposal writing for international funding agencies, proposal writing for specific areas such as basic & applied sciences and talks by funding agencies were proposed by the participants.

Highlights of the presentation/talks made are as given below:

- A good proposal is a brief one which is well written with clear scientific and technical content. The scientific content must include the title of proposal; clear and testable hypothesis; aims and objectives; experiments to be done; drawbacks; preliminary data and relevant citations
- Budget should be reasonable and it should include the cost for equipments, provisions for staff, consumables, travel/conference together with other contingencies