

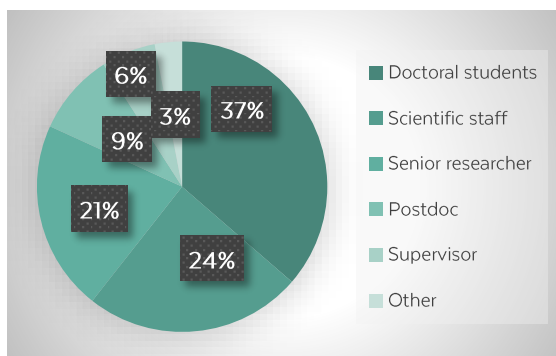
Demand for Transferable Skills Courses among the Scientific Staff at the Member Institutions of Academia Raetica

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Since autumn 2015, the Graduate School Graubünden has been offering transferable skills courses for the scientific staff from the member institutions of Academia Raetica (ACAR). In order to tailor the courses to the needs of the researchers as best as possible, the Graduate School Graubünden recently conducted an online survey among the scientists.

Results in brief:

- Online survey sent out to 220 scientific staff
- Distribution of participants:



- Return rate 32.7 percent, **70 participants**
- **Most participants confirmed their interest in transferable skills courses.**
- **Early evening** is the preferred time for courses.
- Most participants would prefer **multiple short sessions (2 h each) or half-day sessions.**
- **Davos** is the **favoured location for courses (59.3 percent)**, followed by Chur (30.5 percent), and Landquart (8.5 percent).

The **five favorite topics** among **all** participants are:

- 1 Grant writing
- 2 Statistical methods and analysis
- 3 Project managers for researchers
- 4 Scientific writing
- 5 Scientific presentations

Top choices of **doctoral students** are:

- 1 Career planning for researchers
- 2 Statistical methods and analyses
- 3 Grant writing, Project management for researchers, Work-Life balance and time management, Managing scientific data/tools

Most in demand from **senior researchers**:

- 1 Grant writing

- 2 Project management for researchers
- 3 Conflict management, Teamwork and leadership in research, Work-Life balance and time management, Big data, Scientific Writing

Most favored by **Postdocs**

- 1 Project management for researchers
- 2 Teamwork and leadership in research
- 3 Job application training, Grant writing, Statistical methods and analysis, Work-Life balance and time management

Scientific staff would go first for:

- 1 Grant writing, Statistical methods and analyses, Teamwork and leadership in research
- 2 Project management for researchers, Scientific presentations, Scientific writing