

Procedure Research Council CARIM

About two months before the deadline of the call, the candidate gives a 'pitch presentation' of 5 minutes to the Research Council, presenting the outlines of the idea and the approaches of the proposal. This presentation is followed by a discussion. The candidate can integrate the ideas from this brainstorm session in the proposal and start the writing process. About two weeks before the deadline, the written project is reviewed, allowing the applicant to further improve his/her application. If the candidate is invited to defend the proposal, the Research Council will organize a practice session to prepare the candidate.

To ensure that the review process runs smoothly, a coach is assigned to each project. The candidate should propose 1 or 2 members of the research council as a potential coach, based on their expertise, of which a description can be found on the profile pages of the Research Council members. Together with the coach, it will be decided who will be the reviewers of the project.

Together with the coach, the candidate should set up a timeline with clear deadlines to hand in the written proposal (ideally 2 weeks before the deadline) and define already a date for the practice session of the (potential) interview (typically a few days before the interview is scheduled). An example of such a timeline from a successful proposal is depicted below.

