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When applying:

Lecturer in UoB Mechanical Engineering, preparing my first grant.

My timeline: Sep2020 Internal – Jan2021 External – Sep2021 PI Response – Jan2022 Interview – Dec2022 Start.

Prepared to invest time: an opportunity to move forward!

Interview question: Have there been any key changes or updates since the original proposal was submitted?

Good/Have time to apply?

Previous experience can be helpful.

Key publication: submission – PI response – interview.

PI response & Interview:

Don't be defensive, an opportunity to talk more!

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Your proposal can be a team effort!

(Potential) collaborator/mentor/advisor/beneficiary: perspective from (neighboring) fields on value & approach.

FLFs: different ways to win.

Family/friends: interview.

Colleagues/School/College/Research office.

Why you?

You are the best: unique combination of expertise for interdisciplinary project.

Skill gap: opportunity of development for a step-change for yourself.

Check against your <u>vision</u>: 4-7yr & long-term (FLF vs project), research/innovation, people, academic/societal impact.

Good luck!