

There are different styles among researchers in their activities to apply for funds and to perform research project. Our observation has been that you can see at least two radically different styles:  
**the parallel and the sequential working style.**

# Researchers strategies: Parallel or Sequential working style

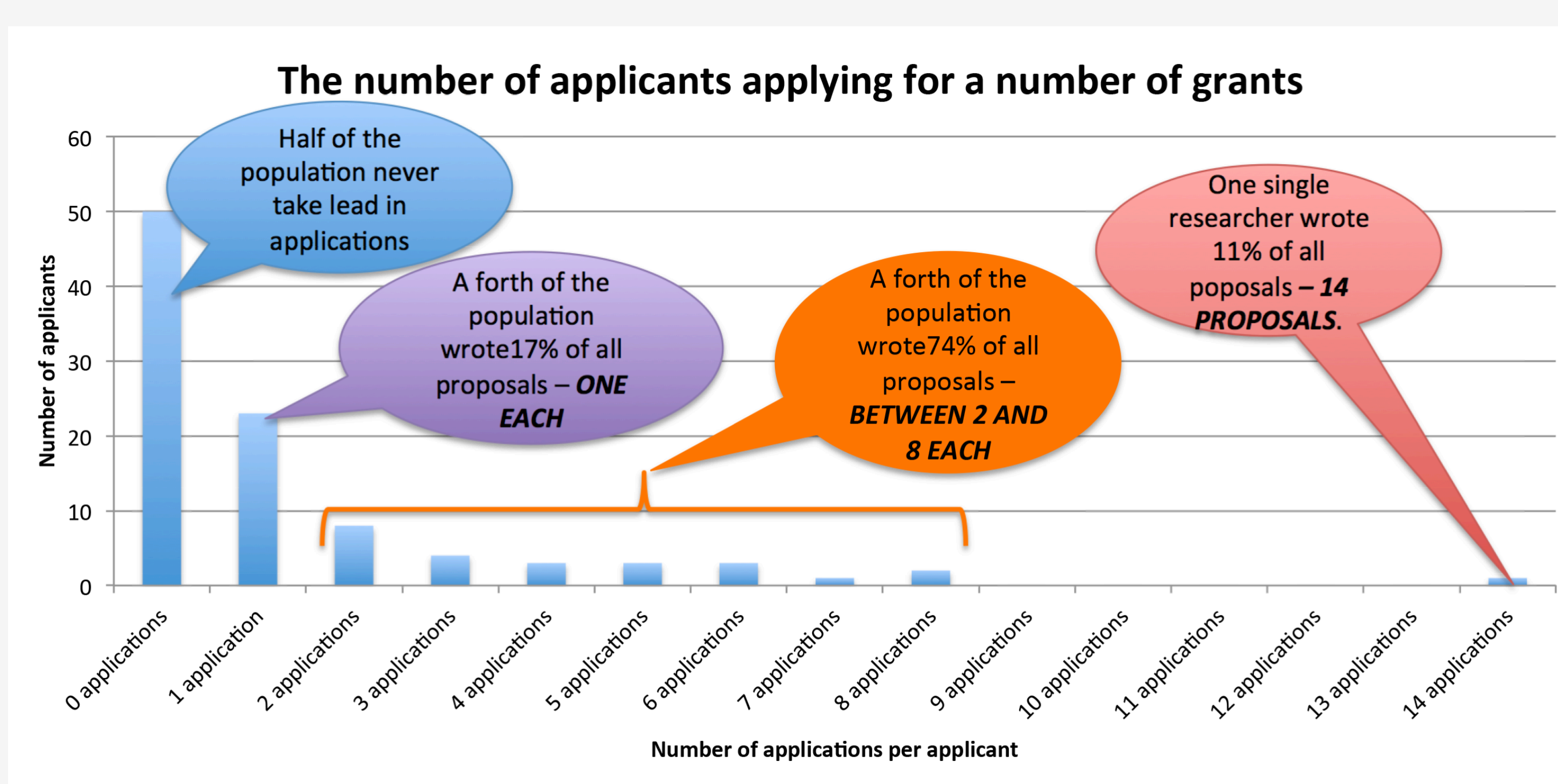
## Building a CV – or an environment?

Some researchers have a style of acting that we would call a parallel style or even entrepreneurial style. That means that you apply for a new project even if the portfolio is full, and although there are no current resources to perform the project. If a new project is granted, the resources are also recruited. The consequence is that the environment has to grow. A skilled applicant may develop and submit more proposals than he or she ever can manage if approved. Thus the environment will grow, both by recruitment and by promotion of juniors. The application work will have to be industrialized.

On the opposite, a sequential style means to apply for a new project only when another runs into its end. This attitude will be conservative and just allow for a small expansion of the working environment.



Sokrates gathered his disciples in Academia and practiced a more entrepreneurial style.



Simon the Stylite sat alone on a high tower in twenty years. Simon managed one very long project, but none in parallel.

## Results and implications

The expected outcome is to settle that these characters actually exists, the two styles or attitudes. And if they do, find which factors will be beneficial for the development of a more entrepreneurial style, a parallel style. And also how environments dominated by this kind of researchers develop especially in relation to environment with the other style.

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- Contact with funders and support for applications
- Research communication
- Events and networking, matchmaking, key account management
- Support for processes, budgeting, project tools, agreements, quality assurance of applications
- Workshops, idea seminars, information on funding opportunities

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