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ERC Grant Schemes

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Outline

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The ERC supports excellence in frontier research through a bottom-up, individual-based, worldwide competition

- **ERC and its grant schemes**
- **Evaluation** (not today-info on website)
- **Application tips**

ERC Grant Schemes – Who can apply?

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- **Excellent Researchers (PIs)**
  - → Any nationality, age or current place of work (with a PhD min 2 years old)
- **In conjunction with a Host Institution (HI)**
  - → Based in the EU or an Associated Country (spend min. 30% (AdG), 50% (StG / CoG) of total working time at HI (over project duration)
- **Individual research team**
  - → Researcher has freedom to choose national or trans-national team, if scientific added value proven
- **ERC Grants are portable**

ERC Funding Schemes - 2018

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Starting Grants

starters
(2-7 years after PhD)
up to €2.0 M
for 5 years

Consolidator Grants

consolidators
(7-12 years after PhD)
up to €2.75 M
for 5 years

Advanced Grants

significant research achievements in the last 10 years
up to €3.5 M
for 5 years

Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders

ERC's goal

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to fund the most excellent researchers with great ideas for scientific research (basic or applied) that have the potential to move significantly beyond the knowledge frontier (frontier research)

ERC's offer to researchers

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Independence, recognition & visibility

- to work on a research topic of own choice (bottom-up), with a team of own choice.
- to gain true financial autonomy for up to 5 years.
- to negotiate with the host institution the best conditions of work.
- to move with the grant to any place in Europe if necessary (portability of grants).
- to attract top team members (EU and non-EU) and collaborators.
- to attract additional funding and gain recognition; ERC is a quality label.

Indicative Timetable of the 2018 Calls

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Calls	Expected call date	Deadline(s)	Budget € million (estimated grants)	Indicative date for signature of grant agreement
Starting Grant ERC-2018-StG	**3 Aug** 2017	**17 Oct** 2017	581 (391)	14 Dec 2018
Consolidator Grant ERC-2018-CoG	**24 Oct** 2017	**5 Feb** 2018	550 (287)	30 March 2019
Advanced Grant ERC-2018-AdG	**17 May** 2018	**30 Aug** 2018	450 (194)	8 Aug 2019
Synergy Grant ERC-2018-SyG	**3 Aug** 2017	**14 Nov** 2017	250 (30)	19 Feb 2019
Proof of Concept ERC-2018-PoC	**6 Nov** 2017	16 Jan 2018 18 Apr 2018 11 Nov 2018	20 (130)	30 Jul 2018 21 Oct 2018 10 Apr 2019

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- **ERC and its grant schemes**
- **Evaluation (25 Panels)** ***– not today – info on website***
- **<u>Application tips</u>** (**ERC**, **MSCA**, **Erasmus+**, etc)

How to apply?

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- **Go to http://erc.eu** *(or other website if not ERC Grant):*
  - which grant am I eligible for?
  - read FAQ
  - check successful applicants profile
  - check panels http://erc.europa.eu/evaluation-panels

- **Find a host institution:**
  - check National Contact Point (NCP)
  - check EURAXESS-Researchers in Motion
  - contact EU Grants office at target institution

ERC Grants – Funded Projects

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Menu allows searching by Funding Scheme, Call Year and Country of Host Institution.

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ERC Grants – Proposal Submission

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- Online (via the Participant Portal) – http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html
- One deadline per call.
- Submit to a specific panel (one of 25) but you can indicate a secondary panel.

ERC Grants – General Tips

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- Allow sufficient **time** to prepare your application.
- Submit well **in advance** of the deadline – you can overwrite any version submitted with a new one.
- Double and triple **check** that all documents are correct and have been submitted.
- Respect the **page limits** and proof-read your proposal well.

ERC Grants – Conclusion

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- Any topic, nationality, age and current workplace

- Scientific excellence
- Host institution in EU or Associated Country H2020
- +2 years PhD

- Offer: Attractive, long-term funding for the very best researchers

ERC Grants – Further Information

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http://erc.europa.eu

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