



## - Info Sheet Research Funding - European Research Council (ERC)

### ERC-Funding

The European Research Council (ERC) is an institution set up by the European Commission to finance basic and excellent research. It is funded by the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon 2020" from 2014 to 2020, and will also be funded under the upcoming Programme "Horizon Europe" from 2021 to 2027.

The aim of ERC funding is to support the best and most creative scholars in discovering and researching new approaches in all disciplines. Particularly interdisciplinary approaches that transcend the boundaries of their field are welcomed, as they promise to hold the highest innovation potential.

The grants are aimed at researchers of all nationalities, regardless of age, who conduct their research at an institution within the EU Member States or in countries associated to Horizon 2020. Applications will be submitted online by the Principal Investigator (PI) via the European Commission's Funding and Tenders Portal.

### Features of ERC Grants

- ▶ Funding for individuals (PI) and their team in a project of up to five years
- ▶ No consortia
- ▶ Open to all fields of research, no thematic priorities
- ▶ Researchers at institutions within the EU Member States or associated countries are eligible to apply
- ▶ Funding of pioneering "frontier research" ("high-risk/high-gain")
- ▶ Scientific excellence as sole selection criterion
- ▶ Peer review evaluation process through independent scientific experts in 25 international review panels
- ▶ Limited possibilities for resubmission

### Further information:

[www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/60763345/](http://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/60763345/)

<https://erc.europa.eu/>

<http://www.nks-erc.de/>

Grant	Description	Qualifications	Funding	Duration
<b>Starting Grant</b> (StG)	For early career researchers to develop their career and establish their own team	2-7 years after PhD (relevant dates are 01. January of the call year and the date on the PhD certificate)	Up to EUR 1.5 million	Up to 5 years
<b>Consolidator Grant</b> (CoG)	For researchers to consolidate their own research team or programme	7-12 years after PhD (relevant dates are 01. January of the call year and the date on the PhD certificate)	Up to EUR 2 million	Up to 5 years
<b>Advanced Grant</b> (AdG)	For well-established researchers to develop a new and outstanding project	10 years of excellent scientific track record	Up to EUR 2.5 million	Up to 5 years
<b>Synergy Grant</b> (SyG)	For a group of 2-4 researchers to collaborate on a research problem with a novel approach	Excellent scientific track record	Up to EUR 10 million (total per project for all PIs)	Up to 6 years
<b>Proof of Concept Grant</b> (PoC)	For ERC grantees to bridge the gap between research and marketable innovation	Holder of previous ERC grant	Up to EUR 150,000	Up to 18 months

### Comprehensive Consulting on ERC applications:

#### Research Service Center (RSC)

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