

ERC Synergy Grants

Support for ambitious ideas that cannot be solved individually by individual PIs – unique complementarity of expertise, resources, equipment, etc.

2–4 PIs

One of PIs must be listed as a „Corresponding PI“ in the application.

The scientific excellence of both the project and the scientists themselves is demonstrated by:

- an idea capable of pushing the boundaries of contemporary knowledge
- each PIs must be at the level of an individual ERC applicant

Max. grant amount of **10 million EUR** for 6 years + possible start-up increase of 4 million EUR. The European Commission covers 100% of all eligible and approved direct and indirect project costs. There is no need for co-financing from the host institution. Indirect costs account for 25% of all direct costs.

Formal Conditions

ERC grants are open to PIs of all nationalities, currently living in any country. A maximum of one host institution may be located outside the EU or an associated country (AC), but all other institutions must be located in the EU/AC. The host institutions must employ each of PIs for a minimum period defined in the grant agreement.

The scientist must:

- Spend at least 50% of their working time in an EU country or associated country
- Devote at least 30% of their working time to an ERC project

The application must include a „Host Institution Letter“. On behalf of Charles University signed by the Rector.

How does the Evaluation Work?

The evaluation consists of three steps. You will know the result within about 10 months of submitting the application.

In **Step 1, part B1** is assessed, i.e. the shortened version of the scientific project (extended synopsis) and the CVs of PIs including their results to date and the path to those findings (track record).

Evaluation results:

A advancing to Step 2

**only the best projects in the total financial volume up to seven times the indicative budget of the panel proceed*

A without advancing to Step 2; PIs may resubmit the modified application in the following call

B the application does not proceed to the second step; PIs may resubmit the modified application in the following call:

C the application does not proceed to the second step; PIs cannot apply in the following two Synergy Calls

In **Step 2**, the entire project proposal (parts **B1** and **B2**) is evaluated.

Evaluation results:

A advancing to Step 3

**only the best projects in the total financial volume proceed up to four times the indicative budget of the panel*

B without advancing to the 3rd step; PIs may resubmit the modified application in the following call

In **Step 3**, entire teams are invited for an interview to present their project to an expert panel

Evaluation results:

A the project is recommended for funding

**whether or not it will be funded depends on the amount of funding allocated to the panel*

B the project is rejected; PIs may resubmit the modified application in the following call:

Why Apply for an ERC Synergy Grant?

ERC grants enable PIs to become financially independent and create exceptional conditions for the implementation of excellent scientific research, which requires interdisciplinary synergies.



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ERC Grants: Quick Guide

ERC Starting Grants

Supporting the independent careers of outstanding young scientists (PIs) in the phase of creating their own research teams or programmes.

Designed for PIs **2–7 years following their Ph.D.** defense. The given period can be extended, e.g. maternity leave (18 months per child), parental/paternity leave, clinical training and others, see ERC Work Programme.

The scientific excellence of both the project and the scientist himself is demonstrated by:

- a breakthrough idea
- independent scientific results demonstrably independent of the Ph.D. supervisor; the submitted project must not be a simple continuation of previous studies or post-doctoral stays

Max. grant amount of **1.5 million EUR** for 5 years + possible increase by investments of 1 million EUR. The European Commission covers 100% of all eligible and approved direct and indirect costs of the project. There is no need for co-financing from the host institution. Indirect costs account for 25% of all direct costs.

Formal Conditions

ERC grants are open to PIs of all nationalities, currently living in any country. However, the host institution must be established in an EU country or associated country and must employ a PI for at least the duration of the project.

The scientist must:

- Spend at least 50% of their working time in an EU country or an associated country
- Devote at least 50% of their working time to an ERC project

The application must include a „Host Institution Letter“. On behalf of Charles University signed by the Rector.

How does the Evaluation Work?

The evaluation consists of two steps. You will know the result within about 10 months of submitting the application.

In **Step 1, part B1** is assessed, i.e. the shortened version of the scientific project (extended synopsis), CV including previous results and the path to those findings (track record).

Evaluation results:

A advancing to Step 2

**max. 44 applications proceed from each panel*

- A** without advancing to Step 2; PI may resubmit the modified application in the following call
- B** the application does not proceed to the second step; PI cannot apply in the following ERC Call (except for Synergy)
- C** the application does not proceed to the second step; PI cannot apply in the following two ERC Calls (except for Synergy)

In **Step 2**, the entire project proposal (parts **B1** and **B2**) is evaluated. PIs are also invited for an interview to personally present their project to an expert panel.

Evaluation results:

- A** the project is recommended for funding **whether or not it will be funded depends on the amount of funding allocated to the panel*
- B** the project is rejected; PI may resubmit the modified application in the following call

Why Apply for an ERC Starting Grant?

ERC grants not only enable PIs to become financially independent, but also give their work significant visibility internationally. If you want to start an independent scientific career with international recognition of the highest quality and want to apply your frontier research at a world level, the ERC Starting Grant is exactly for you.

ERC Consolidator Grants

Support for independent careers of outstanding young scientists in the phase of consolidation of their own research teams or programs.

Designed for PIs **7–12 years from Ph.D.** defense. The given period can be extended, e.g. maternity leave (18 months per child), parental/paternity leave, clinical training and others, see ERC Work Programme.

The **scientific excellence** of both the project and the scientist himself is demonstrated by:

- a breakthrough idea
- the excellent track record and the expansion of an existing research team or programme; submitted project must not be a simple continuation of previous studies or post-doctoral stays

Max. grant amount of **2 million EUR** for 5 years + possible increase by investments of 1 million EUR. The European Commission pays 100% of all eligible and approved direct and indirect costs of the project. There is no need for co-financing from the host institution. Indirect costs account for 25% of all direct costs.

Formal Conditions

ERC grants are open to PIs of all nationalities, currently living in any country. However, the host institution must be established in an EU country or associated country and must employ a PI for at least the duration of the project.

The scientist must:

- Spend at least 50% of their working time in an EU country or associated country
- Devote at least 40% of their working time to an ERC project

The application must include a "Host Institution Letter". On behalf of Charles University signed by the Rector.

How does the Evaluation Work?

The evaluation consists of two steps. You will know the result within about 10 months of submitting the application.

In **Step 1, part B1** is assessed, i.e. the shortened version of the scientific project (extended synopsis), CV including previous results and the path to those findings (track record).

Evaluation results:

A advancing to Step 2

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In **Step 2**, the entire project proposal (parts **B1** and **B2**) is evaluated. PIs are also invited for an interview to personally present their project to an expert panel.

Evaluation results:

- A** the project is recommended for funding **whether or not it will be funded depends on the amount of funding allocated to the panel*
- B** the project is rejected; PI may resubmit the modified application in the following call:

Why Apply for an ERC Consolidator Grant?

ERC grants not only enable PIs to become financially independent, but also give their work significant visibility internationally. If you can prove that your track record influences your field of science and want to apply your frontier research at a world-class level, the ERC Consolidator Grant is for you.

ERC Advanced Grants

Support for internationally recognized, independent experts who have already established themselves in the field and have demonstrably influenced it.

Designed for PIs who are active researchers with a track-record of significant research achievements.

The scientific excellence of both the project and the scientist himself is demonstrated by:

- a breakthrough idea
- achieving leadership in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions

Max. grant amount of **2.5 million EUR** for 5 years + possible increase by investments of 1 million EUR.

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Formal Conditions

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The scientist must:

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- Devote at least 30% of their working time to an ERC project

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In **Step 1, part B1** is assessed, i.e. the shortened version of the scientific project (extended synopsis), CV including previous results and the path to those findings (track record).

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- C** the application does not proceed to the second step; PI cannot apply in the following two ERC Calls (except for Synergy)

In Step 2, the entire project proposal (parts **B1** and **B2**) is evaluated. PIs are also invited for an interview to personally present their project to an expert panel.

Evaluation results:

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- B** the project is rejected; PI may resubmit the modified application in the following call

Why Apply for an ERC Advanced Grant?

ERC grants enable PIs to be financially independent and create ideal conditions for concentrating work on a fundamental scientific problem with minimal bureaucratic burden.