
What is ERC?



The European Research Council (ERC) supports outstanding scientists to advance frontier research and visionary projects and to open up new interdisciplinary fields of knowledge.

The ERC does not support networks or international consortia, but individual Principal Investigators (PI) and their research teams. The only evaluation criterion is scientific excellence - both of the project and of the investigator. This includes previous achievements in the field but also requires an entirely new revolutionary idea that is not a mere continuation of previous achievements, and that can significantly influence the field, push its boundaries or open up new research perspectives.

Types of grants Starting Grants (StG)

Supporting the independent careers of outstanding young scientists in the phase of setting up their own research teams or programmes.

50% time on the project, 50% time in EU/AC

2-7 years after PhD defence.

€1.5 million for 5 years

Consolidator Grants (CoG)

Supporting the independent careers of outstanding young scientists in the consolidation phase of their own research teams or programmes.

40% time on the project, 50% time in EU/AC

>7-12 years after PhD.

€2 million for 5 years

Advanced Grants (AdG)

Supporting internationally recognized, independent experts who have already established themselves in the field and made a demonstrable impact.

30% time on the project, 50% time in EU/AC

10-year results

€2.5 million over 5 years

Synergy Grants (SyG)

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

30% time on the project, 50% time in EU/AC

2-4 PIs and Co-PIs

€10 million for 6 years

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Support for the exploration of the potential for commercial or societal exploitation of ERC project outputs for ERC researchers only.

€150k for a maximum of 18 months

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