The European Research Council

ERC Grant Funding Schemes in 2014

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Outline

- ERC Grant Funding Schemes
- Evaluation Process
- Preparing an Application
- Statistics
What is ERC?
The ERC supports excellence in frontier research through a bottom-up, individual-based, pan-European competition

ERC mission: "to reinforce excellence, dynamism and creativity in European research"

The European Commission

- Provides financing through the EU framework programmes
- Guarantees autonomy, integrity and accountability of the ERC
- Adopts annual work programmes as established by the Scientific Council

The ERC Scientific Council

- 22 prominent researchers proposed by an independent identification committee and appointed by the Commission (4 years, renewable once)
- Establishes overall scientific strategy
- Ensures communication with the scientific community

The ERC Executive Agency

- Executes annual work programme as established by the Scientific Council
- Implements calls for proposals and provides information and support to applicants
- Organises peer review evaluation
- Establishes and manages grant agreements
- Carries out communications activities

Budget

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ERC Grant Schemes – Who can apply?

- **Excellent Researchers (PIs)**
  - Any nationality, age or current place of work

- **In conjunction with a Host Institution**
  - Based in the EU or an Associated Country

- **Individual research team**
  - Researcher has freedom to choose national or trans-national team, if scientific added value proven

- **ERC Grants are portable**
Creative Freedom of the Individual Grantee

**ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility**

- to work on a research topic of own choice, 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 attract top team members (EU and non-EU) and collaborators.
- to move with the grant to any place in Europe if necessary (portability of grants).
- to attract additional funding and gain recognition; ERC is a quality label.
**ERC Funding Schemes - 2014**

**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**
- Track-record of 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
## Timetable of the 2014 Calls

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ERC Starting Grants

- **Objective**
  - support excellent PIs at the stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme.

- **PI Profile**
  - Potential for research independence
  - At least one publication without PhD supervisor
  - Invited presentations in conferences
  - Funding, patents, awards, prizes
ERC Consolidator Grants

- **Objective**
  - support excellent PIs at the stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme.

- **PI Profile**
  - Has already achieved certain degree of research independence (very often already working with own group)
  - Some publications with significant impact
  - Invited presentations in conferences
  - Funding, patents, awards, prizes
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Eligibility

- At least 2 and up to 7 years post PhD (StG)
  ➞ 11 December 2006 – 11 December 2011

- Over 7 and up to 12 years post PhD (CoG)
  ➞ 11 December 2001 – 10 December 2006

- Extensions to this period are possible but there are limits.

- The dates above are strictly applied.
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Eligibility – *Changes for 2014*

- Only significant change is with regard to applicants who hold an MD degree.

- Applicants with an MD and clinical specialisation are no longer considered as eligible. They must present proof of an appointment requiring doctoral equivalency (e.g. post-doctoral fellowship, professorship appointment) or a PhD.
Any applicant whose proposal was evaluated as category C in the 2013 StG, CoG or AdG calls may not submit a proposal to the 2014 StG, CoG or AdG calls.

Any applicant whose proposal is evaluated as category C in the 2014 StG, CoG or AdG calls may not submit a proposal to the 2015 and 2016 StG, CoG or AdG calls.

Any applicant whose proposal is evaluated as category B in the 2014 StG, CoG or AdG calls may not submit a proposal to the 2015 StG, CoG or AdG calls.
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Grant Size

- €1.5M (StG) - possibility of an additional €.5M
- €2.0M (CoG)- possibility of an additional €.75M
- 100% total eligible direct costs (salaries, equipment, etc.)
- *Financing of indirect costs based on a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs (in FP7 the rate applied was 20%).
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Excellence is the sole evaluation criterion

*Evaluation of excellence at two levels:*

- **Excellence of the Research Project**
  - Ground breaking nature
  - Potential impact
  - Scientific Approach

- **Excellence of the Principal Investigator**
  - Intellectual capacity
  - Creativity
  - Commitment

- Referees and panels evaluate and score each criterion, which results in a ranking of the proposals.
Selection of Proposals

- Submission of full proposal
- Eligibility & Plagiarism Check
- Step 1 (remote) evaluation on the basis of Part B1 of the proposal by Panel Members
- 1st Panel Meeting
- Proposals passing to Step 2
- Individual assessment of full proposal by Panel Members & Remote Referees
- StG/CoG: 2nd Panel Meeting with an interview at the ERCEA’s premises in Brussels
- Proposals selected for funding
ERC Panel Structure –
3 domains & 25 panels for all areas of
science and scholarship

Each panel:
Panel Chair and
12-16 Panel Members

Social Sciences and Humanities
- SH1 Markets, Individuals and Institutions
- SH2 The Social World, Diversity and Common Ground
- SH3 Environment, Space and Population
- SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5 Cultures and Cultural Production
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past

Life Sciences
- LS1 Molecular and Structural Biology and Biochemistry
- LS2 Genetics, Genomics, Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
- LS3 Cellular and Developmental Biology
- LS4 Physiology, Pathophysiology and Endocrinology
- LS5 Neurosciences and Neural Disorders
- LS6 Immunity and Infection
- LS7 Diagnostic Tools, Therapies & Public Health
- LS8 Evolutionary, Population and Environmental Biology
- LS9 Applied Life Sciences and Biotechnology

Physical Sciences & Engineering
- PE1 Mathematics
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical & Analytical Chemical Sciences
- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE6 Computer Science & Informatics
- PE7 Systems & Communication Engineering
- PE8 Products & Process Engineering
- PE9 Universe Sciences
- PE10 Earth System Science
Who evaluates the proposals?

- **Panel members**: typically 600 / call
  - High-level scientists
  - Recruited by ScC from all over the world
  - About 12 members plus a chair person

- **Referees**: typically 2000 / call
  - Evaluate only a small number of proposals
  - Similar to normal practise in peer-reviewed journals
Eligibility and Re-submissions

• Ineligibility
  o Submission after the deadline.
  o Incomplete proposals.
  o No commitment letter from the HI.
  o PhD award date outside the window.

• Re-submissions
  o If applied in 2013 – only apply to 2014 if awarded at least an A or a B in Step 1.
  o Only one application per PI under the same WP.
You can nominate up to three persons to be excluded from the evaluation of their proposal.

The concerned persons will be excluded from the evaluation of the proposal assuming that the ERCEA is still in a position to evaluate the proposal properly.
### ERC Grants – Feedback to Applicants – end of Step 1

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**ERC Grants – Feedback to Applicants – end of Step 2**

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Key features of the ERC grant application procedure

- Applications should be submitted by a single PI in conjunction with and on behalf of her/his host institution which is the applicant legal entity.
- Submission is accepted only via the web-based Participant Portal Submission Service (PPSS). The application procedure consists of a single submission stage.
- A complete ERC proposal consists of three separate components:
  - The online administrative 'Proposal submission forms'
  - The research proposal (Parts B1 and B2), and
  - The supporting documentation (PhD document, Host Institution support letter, and any further documentation related to eligibility and ethics).
ERC Grants – Proposal Submission

- Via the Participant Portal –

- One deadline per call.
- Proposal formats and page numbers are strictly limited.
- Strict rules apply for restrictions on submission of proposals that must be checked before applying for a grant.
- Submit to a specific panel (one of 25) but you can indicate a secondary panel.
Participant Portal
Participant Portal
ERC Grants – Online Submission Forms

- Examples of the forms will be made available on the Participant Portal website (now available for StG 2014).
- To access the forms for your application, you will need to register.
- Please do so as soon as possible.
- Several new questions compared to 2013 calls.
- Ethics Review Table – now part of the online submission forms. Detailed guidance will be provided in the Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2014 Calls.
# ERC Grants – Proposal Submission Forms

## Overview

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## ERC Grants – Online Submission Forms

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ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Proposal Structure – Part B

- Part B1 = 'The PI'
  - Extended synopsis (5 pgs.)
  - CV (2 pgs.)
  - Track-record (2 pgs.)
  - *Funding-ID

- Part B2 = Full Scientific Proposal (15 pgs.)
- Ethics Review information (where appropriate)
- Separate additional documents:
  - Host Institution Support Letter
  - Copy of PhD document (StG and CoG only)
  - Documents to prove extension to the eligibility window
ERC Grants – Proposal Structure – Part B1

- Synopsis – remember that only Part B1 is reviewed at Step 1. Carefully review the evaluation questions that reviewers will be responding to.

- CV – model CVs will be made available in the Information for Applicants – only guidance – no obligation!

- *Funding – ID – a new obligatory table to be filled in – see next slide for the template.
ERC – Proposal Structure – Funding ID

**Appendix: All ongoing and submitted grants and funding of the PI (Funding ID)**

*Mandatory information. Does not count towards page limits.*

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ERC Grants – Proposal Structure – Part B2

- Full Scientific Proposal.
- Budget Table – new template compared to 2013.
- Please ensure that the calculations are correct and match what you have indicated in the online submission forms!
- Carefully justify the resources in the text.
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Proposal Structure – Budget Table

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The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. Significant mathematical mistakes may reflect poorly on the credibility of the costing table and the proposal overall. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; unjustified budgets will be consequently reduced.

The requested contribution should be in proportion to the actual needs to fulfil the objectives of the project.

For the above cost table, please indicate the % of working time the PI dedicates to the project over the period of the grant:

%
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – General Tips (preparation and editing)

- 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 Starting and Consolidator Grants – Selecting a Panel

- Review the members of the evaluation panels from previous years:

- Review the funded proposals within a particular panel.

- *If you indicate a secondary panel (optional), then you are asked to explain the cross-panel/cross-domain nature of your proposal in Part B1.*
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Hungary at ERC
Evaluated proposals from hosts in Hungary

Ineligible and withdrawn proposals not taken into account
Hungary at ERC

Granted proposals at host institutions in Hungary

36 StG-CoG-AdG projects

1 Synergy project with 3 PIs (out of 4) based in Hungarian HI

* current host institutions; data as of 16/12/2013
Hungary at ERC
Success rates per country of Host Institution

Success rates per country of HI

awarded/evaluated proposals (%)

France 16
UK 14
Austria 14
Germany 13
Belgium 13
Denmark 12
Sweden 10
Spain 8
Estonia 7
Ireland 7
Cyprus 6
Finland 6
Portugal 5
Italy 5
Greece 4
Latvia 3
Czech Republic 3
Croatia 3
Bulgaria 2
Poland 2
Slovakia 1
Slovenia 1
Switzerland 23
Israel 17
Norway 7
Iceland 3
Turkey 1

Hungary
Hungary at ERC
Number of submitted proposals per country of Host Institution
Hungary at ERC - ERC grant distribution to countries of HI

The absolute number of ERC grants hosted in a country correlates very closely (0.97) with the absolute number of scientific publications within the 10% most cited worldwide.

*) Host institution refers to the organisation with which the first grant agreement was signed
Established by the European Commission

Hungary at ERC
Mobility of researchers
ERC StG, CoG and AdG calls 2007-2013

- 3 Foreign PIs in Hungary
- 17 Hungarian PIs abroad, of which 4 in DE and 4 in UK

Current host institutions; data as of 16/12/2013
Hungary at ERC

Host institutions in Hungary - ERC StG, CoG and AdG calls 2007-2013
In addition 1 Synergy grant with 3 PIs located at CEU

Current host institutions; data as of 16/12/2013
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Recap of the changes for 2014

- More stringent resubmission restrictions.
- Eligibility rules for MDs.
- Simplified budget table (Administrative submission forms and part B).
- Ethics table: part of the online submission forms.
- Funding ID – changed format.
- Model CVs provided.
- Reason for exclusion of reviewers – not required.
- Several new questions/declarations compared to 2013 calls
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Guidelines and Other Resources

- Read the Information for Applicants and the ERC Work Programme.
- Any doubts about your eligibility or any other questions, contact your NCP or the ERCEA.

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- Have a look at what projects are already funded and the profile of the grantees

ERC Grants – Further Information

More information on
http://erc.europa.eu

Support to applicants
http://erc.europa.eu/national-contact-points

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Horizon 2020 budget € 77 billion
ERC budget € 13 billion
## ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Evaluation Questions - Project

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### Starting, Consolidator and Advanced

**Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project**

- To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?
- To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development across disciplines)?
- To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain?

**Scientific Approach**

- To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible (based on the Extended Synopsis)?
- To what extent is the proposed research methodology appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?
- To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?
- To what extent are the proposed timescales and resources necessary and properly justified (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?
**ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Evaluation Questions - PI**

### 2. Principal Investigator

**Intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment**

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<td>To what extent have the achievements of the PI typically gone beyond the state-of-the-art?</td>
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## ERC Grants – Feedback to Applicants – end of Step 1

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ERC Grants – Ranking Range – Step 1

- 'B' proposals will receive 10% ranking slices starting from the cut-off point between A and B.
  - e.g. ranking range 36% - 45%
- Last tranche will be rounded up (larger).
- 'C' proposals – will receive simply the top and the bottom percentage positions.
  - e.g. ranking range 68% - 100%
## ERC Grants – Feedback to Applicants – end of Step 2

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ERC Grants – Ranking Range – Step 2

- 'A' proposals within panel budget at meeting (funded for sure) will simply receive the top and bottom percentage of group.
  - e.g. top 45%

- 'A’ proposals outside panel budget (i.e. not sure if budget available) will receive their individual ranking position with a 2% ranking range.
  - e.g. ranking range 52 - 54%

- 'B' proposals will simply receive top and bottom of group.
  - e.g. ranking range 58 - 100%
## Budget for the 2014 Calls

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ERC basics
ERC Scientific Council Members

- Prof. Klaus BOCK (Chemistry)
- Prof. Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON (Mathematics), ERC President
- Prof. Nicholas CANNY (History)
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- Prof. Michel WIEVIORKA (Sociology)
ERC in the H2020 structure

- The HORIZON 2020 main components:
  - Excellent Science
    - *World class science is foundation of technologies, jobs, well-being*
    - *Europe needs to develop, attract, retain research talent*
    - *Researchers need access to the best infrastructures*
  - Industrial leadership
  - Societal challenges

- Excellent Science:
  - **European Research Council** (budget under H2020: € 13.1 billion)
  - Future and Emerging Technologies
  - Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions
  - Research Infrastructures
ERC in H2020
Changes and continuity

- **Essential features maintained:**
  - Same schemes, same principles, same selection procedures/criteria
  - Independent Scientific Council with full authority over funding strategy
  - Executive Agency with autonomous operation

- **Increased budget (13.1 Bio € in current prices for 2014-2020):**
  - More opportunities than ever for top research talents

- **Strengthening the Scientific Governance of the European Research Council:**
  - Strengthening the links between the Scientific Council and the Executive Agency
  - Merging positions of President of ERC and Secretary General
  - Full-time President based in Brussels
  - 3 Vice-Chairs elected from amongst the Scientific Council members
A few examples of ERC projects in Hungary

**GPS flight tracking to reveal rules of collective motion**

**Project:** Complex structure and dynamics of collective motion (COLLMOT)  
**PI:** Tamás Vicsek  
**HI:** Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest  
**Call:** Advanced Grant 2008  
**Funding:** €1.24 million for 5 years

**Towards new antibiotics**

**Project:** Dual exploitation of natural plant strategies in agriculture and public health: enhancing nitrogen-fixation and surmounting microbial infections (SYM-BIOTICS)  
**PI:** Eva Kondorosi  
**HI:** Biological Research Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
**Call:** Advanced Grant 2010  
**Funding:** €2.3 million for 5 years

**The ERC grant gives me wings**

Professor Tamás Vicsek from the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest does not disguise the fact that the ERC grant he received in 2009 made a huge impact on his research in collective group behaviour.

**Video:** [https://vimeo.com/40487173](https://vimeo.com/40487173)

**Understanding our social nature**

**Project:** Representational preconditions for understanding other minds in the service of human collaboration and social learning (REPCOLLAB)  
**PI:** Ágnes Melinda Kovács  
**HI:** Central European University, Budapest  
**Call:** Starting Grant 2011  
**Funding:** €1.5 million for 5 years
Established by the European Commission

ERC Starting Grant 2013 Call
Grantees by country of Host Institution & domain

Source: 287 proposals

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ERC Consolidator Grant 2013 Call Grantees by country of Host Institution & domain

Source: 312 proposals

21 countries

Number of Grantees

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Social Sciences and Humanities
Physical Sciences and Engineering
Life Sciences
ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants – Funded Projects

Menu allows searching by Funding Scheme, Call Year and Country of Host Institution.
ERC Grants – Statistics

Menu allows searching by Funding Scheme, Domain/Panel and Grantees by Country of Host Institution.

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