ERC Grants

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ERC Grants

• For individual scientists for frontier research in all fields of science and humanities

• Scientific quality is the only criterion

• No predetermined subjects (bottom-up)

• Independent individual teams in Europe

• Look for high gain/high risk ambitious projects
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Starting Grants
- starters (2-7 years after PhD)
- up to € 1.5 Mio for 5 years

Consolidator Grants
- consolidators (7-12 years after PhD)
- up to € 2 Mio for 5 years

Advanced Grants
- track-record of significant research achievements in the last 12 years
- up to € 2.5 Mio for 5 years
Priority to Young Scientists

Two-thirds of ERC grants to early-stage Principal Investigators

Graph showing the age distribution of grantees for Starting and Consolidator Grant and Advanced Grant.
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Researchers working in ERC teams

Reported team members (2015)
head count (1901 projects; almost 14,000 team members)

- Post-doc: 73% ERA, 27% non-ERA
- Doctoral researcher: 80% ERA, 20% non-ERA
- Senior researcher: 89% ERA, 11% non-ERA
- Research assistant: 84% ERA, 16% non-ERA
- Researcher: 77% ERA, 23% non-ERA
- Technical staff: 90% ERA, 10% non-ERA
- Senior technical staff: 10% ERA, 90% non-ERA
- Administrator: 100% non-ERA
Independence, recognition & visibility

• to work on a research topic of own choice, with a team of own choice
• to gain true financial autonomy for 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
Top Publications

% of publications of researchers in the country in top 10% most cited publications worldwide (top ERA countries)

- CH  18.2
- IS  17.7
- DK  17.5
- NL  17.1
- BE  15.8
- US  15.3
- SE  14.7
- UK  14.7
- AT  14.5
- IE  14.4
- NO  14.3
- DE  13.8
- FI  13.7
- IL  12.9
- FR  12.7
Information & Contacts

ERC Website: [erc.europa.eu/](https://erc.europa.eu/)

European Commission Research Participant Portal:

- ERC Work Programme (published annually)
- Information for Applicants (published with each call)

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