

ERC Advanced Grants

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Title

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Start date: Sun, 2012-01-01
[2] Budget: € 2.5/ 3.5 million for a period of 5 years
Deadline: Mon, 2012-04-30

Technical Call:

- Research field: any field of science, engineering and scholarship
- Researchers: any nationality, any age. Applicants must be scientifically independent and have a recent research track-record and profile which identifies them as leaders in their respective field(s) of research
- Evaluation Criterion: scientific excellence
- Host Institution [3]: research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation [4] (known as a Host Institution [3]/HI) located in one of the [EU Member States](#) [5] or [Associated Countries](#) [6]
- Funding: up to € 2.5 million per grant (in some circumstances up to € 3.5 million per grant)
- Duration: up to 5 years

- Calls for proposals: published once a year in autumn with deadlines in early spring (February - April)

Specific Programme(s):

Research proposed for funding to the ERC should aim high, both with regards to the ambition of the envisaged scientific achievements as well as to the creativity and originality of proposed approaches.

Proposals should rise to pioneering and far-reaching challenges at the frontiers of the field(s) addressed. They should involve new, ground-breaking or unconventional methodologies, whose risky outlook is justified by the possibility of a major breakthrough with an impact beyond a specific research domain [7]/discipline.

Theme:

Restrictions to Participation:

- Projects being highly ambitious, pioneering and unconventional
- For exceptional research leaders only
- Attractive long-term funding
- In the hands of distinguished peers
- Participation of team members and Publication of vacancies

Eligibility and Evaluation:

More information:

Applicants for the ERC Advanced Grants - called Principal Investigators (PI) - are expected to be active researchers who have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years.

The Principal Investigators should be exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions. No specific eligibility criteria ^[8] with respect to the academic requirements are foreseen.

Advanced grants will be up to € 2.5 million for a period of 5 years (pro rata for projects of shorter duration). However, an additional € 1.0 million can be made available to cover eligible “start-up” costs for Principal Investigators moving from a third country ^[9] to the EU or an associated country ^[10] or the purchase of major equipment.

An ERC grant can cover up to 100% of the total eligible direct costs of the research plus a contribution up to 20% of the total eligible costs towards indirect costs.

The relevant terms and conditions for funding are described in the [ERC grant agreement](#) ^[11]. It essentially consists of an ‘ERC core grant agreement’ between the ERC and the host institution ^[3], and a ‘Supplementary agreement’ between the Principal Investigator ^[12] and the host institution ^[3].

Documents:

Contact:

For questions

Applicants are invited to contact their [National Contact Point](#) ^[13] or send their queries by using the [contact form](#) ^[14] and selecting the appropriate category

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