



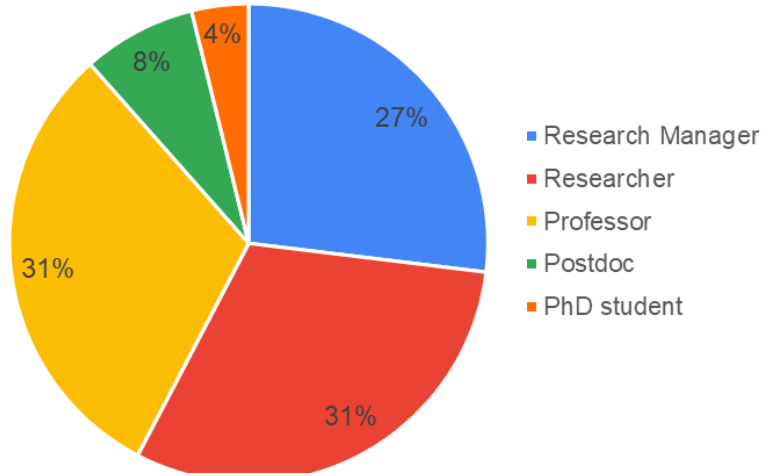
ERC grants | Understanding the (not) so basic

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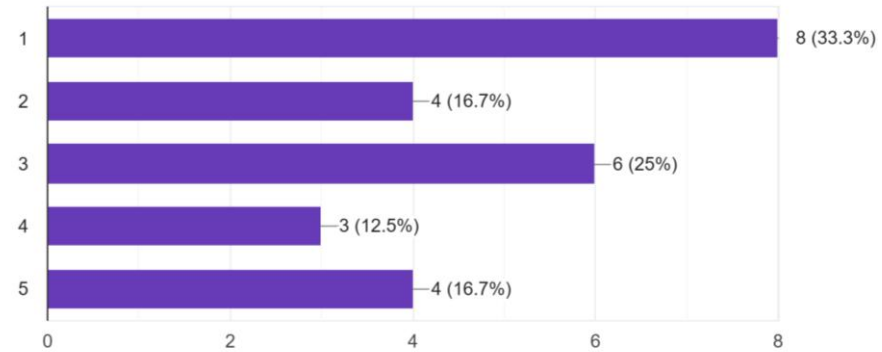


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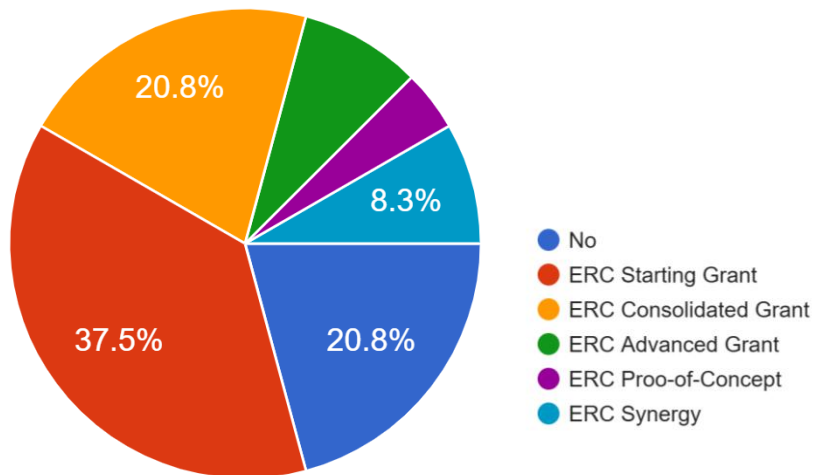
Are you familiar with ERC funding schemes? (Scale of 1 to 5, where 1 = Not at all familiar and 5 = Very familiar)

24 responses



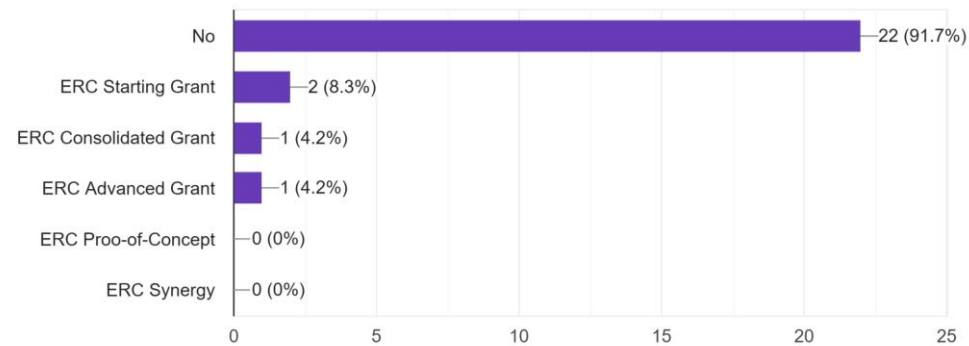
Are you planning on submitting an application to the ERC calls?

24 responses



Have you already applied to the ERC funding scheme? If yes, in which ERC funding scheme have you submitted an application?

24 responses



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ERC as a Career Development Grant



European Research Council

Established by the European Commission

A **bottom-up** approach, **individual-based**, pan European with **host institutions in EU or Associated countries**



Strategy

- ✓ Support for **Individual** Researchers (not institutions)
- ✓ **International** peer-review
- ✓ **No pre-determined subject** (bottom-up)
- ✓ Support for **frontier research in all fields of science and humanities**
- ✓ Look for **high gain ambitious project**
- ✓ **Institutional Commitment and Grant portability**

Legislation

- ✓ Scientific governance by an independent **22-member** Scientific council which has full authority over funding and evaluation
- ✓ Support by the **ERC Executive Agency** (autonomous)
- ✓ **Only criterion: quality of research** aiming for excellence.



Types of ERC Grants

Starting Grants

2-7 years after PhD
(≥ 50% commitment)
up to €1.5 Million
for 5 years

Consolidator Grants

7-12 years after PhD
(≥ 40% commitment)
up to €2 Million
for 5 years

Advanced Grants

track-record of
significant research
achievements in the
last 10 years
(≥ 30% commitment)
up to €2.5 Million
for 5 years

Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage
of marketable innovation
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders only

Synergy Grants

2-4 PIs up to €10 million for 6 years
to lead to breakthroughs that cannot be
achieved by a PI working alone

Additional funding:

- Start-Up costs for scientists moving to EU / Associated Countries
- Purchase of major equipment
- Access to large facilities

Preparing your proposal:

Step by Step

Before the call is published:



1. Get familiar with the ERC funding scheme: [Read the Official docs](#)
 - [ERC 2025 Work Programme](#)
 - [Information for applicants](#)
 - [Guide for peer reviewers](#)
2. Find out which **ERC grant** and which call is suitable for you.
3. Which **Project** should I submit
4. When should I apply (plan strategically): [Verify your eligibility](#) [Enspire calculator](#) / understand evaluation restrictions
5. Identify the **Host Institution** and team members you would like to work with.
6. Contact the **Grants Office** of your ERC Host Institution

ERC Training Academy (You tube Channel)

- 1) [How to get started](#)
- 2) [Writing part 1](#)
- 3) [Writing part 2](#)
- 4) [How you are evaluated](#)

ERC Starting Grant: <https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant>

- **Objective:** support excellent PIs at the stage at which they are **starting** their own independent research team or programme
- **Grant size:** €1.5M (possibility of additional €1M)
- **PI Profile:**
 - Potential for research independence
 - At least one publication as main author or without PhD supervisor
 - Invited presentations in conferences
 - Funding, patents, awards, prizes
 - 50% of PI's time in the project + 50% in the EU or AC
 - > 2 and ≤ 7 years of the certified date of the **successful defence** of first PhD degree **on 1 January (year of the call)**

Starting Grants

>2-7 years after PhD
≥ 50% commitment
up to 1.5 M€
(+ 1 M€)
for 5 years

Deadline: ~October
(previous year)



PhD Defense date

ERC STG



ERC Starting Grant – Success Rates

	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected
Life Sciences	860	124	735	110	992	146	1081	
Physical Sciences and Engineering	1224	168	1150	173	1463	209	1660	
Social Sciences and Humanities	848	116	811	117	1039	139	1187	
Total	2932	408	2696	400	3474	494	3928	?

Success rate ≈ 13.9 %
0 for PT

Success rate ≈ 14.8 %
6 for PT

Success rate ≈ 14.2 %
4 for PT

Success rate ≈ ?

2025 STG applicants already informed if selected for interview (up to 44 applicants per panel)

ERC Consolidator Grant <https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/consolidator-grant>

- **Objective:** support excellent PIs at the stage at which they **may still be consolidating** their own independent research team or programme
- **Grant size:** €2M (possibility of additional €1M)
- **PI Profile:**
 - Has achieved a certain degree of research independence
 - Several publications as main author or without PhD supervisor
 - Invited presentations in conferences
 - Funding, patents, awards, prizes, mentoring
 - 40% of PI's time in the project + 50% in the EU or AC
 - > 7 and ≤ 12 years of the certified date of the successful defence of first PhD degree on 1 January (year of the call)

Consolidator Grants

7-12 years after PhD
≥ 40% commitment
up to 2 M€
(+ 1 M€) for 5 years

Deadline: ~January



ERC Consolidator Grant – Success Rates

	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected
Life Sciences	612	91	612	89	652	94	820	
Physical Sciences and Engineering	938	133	881	129	928	131	1268	
Social Sciences and Humanities	672	97	637	90	733	103	1033	
Total	2222	321	2130	308	2313	328	3121	

Success rate \approx 14.4 %
4 for PT

Success rate \approx 14.5 %
3 for PT

Success rate \approx 14.2 %
3 for PT

Success rate \approx ?

Extensions of eligibility window

- **Maternity** – 18 months per child (**before or after PhD defence**). For longer maternity leaves -documented amount of actual leave taken until the call deadline
- **Paternity** – actual time taken off
- **Long-term illness**: Over 90 days for the Principal Investigator or a close family member (child, spouse, parent or sibling) - documented amount for each incident after PhD defence date.
- **Disability**: reduced amount of working time (including leave taken) and/or the degree of disability as documented by the Principal Investigator after PhD defence
- **Military service** - actual time taken off
- **Clinical training**: documented amount of clinical training received by the Principal Investigator after the award of the first eligible degree and until the call deadline (up to 4 years)
- **No limit to the total extension**

No pre-eligibility check by the ERC

ERC Advanced Grant

- **Objective:** established research leaders with a **recognised track-record of research** achievements in the last 10 years
- **Grant size:** €2.5M (possibility of additional €1M) – **lump sum**
- **PI Profile:**
 - Active researchers with a significant track record in the last 10 years
 - 10 top publications/3 research monographs as main author
 - Invited presentations, organisation of major conferences
 - Funding, patents, awards, prizes, mentoring
 - 30% of PI's time in the project + 50% in the EU or AC

Advanced Grants

significant research records in the last 10 years
≥ 30% commitment up to **2.5 M€**
(+ 1 M€) for 5 years

Deadline: May/Jun

ERC Advanced Grant – Success Rates

	2022		2023		2024	
	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected	Submitted	Selected
Life Sciences	467	64	517	75	730	?
Physical Sciences and Engineering	711	96	787	107	1068	?
Social Sciences and Humanities	469	69	525	73	736	?
Total	1647	218	1829	225	2534	?

Success rate \approx 13.2% Success rate \approx 13.9%

How to prepare & submit an ERC research proposal

Proposal Structure

PART A – online forms

- A1** Proposal info
- A2** Host Institution and PI info
- A3 Budget & Budget Justification**
- A4** Ethics Self-assessment
- A5** Call Specific Info (doctoral training, extensions, excluded reviewers etc.)

Annexes – submitted as .pdf

- HI support letter
- Copy of PhD title (with PhD defense date)
- Documents for extension of eligibility window

Admissibility and eligibility check

Application forms

HORIZON

Call: ERC-2025-COG

(Call for Proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant)

Topic: ERC-2025-COG

Type of Action: HORIZON-ERC

Proposal number:

Proposal acronym:

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based

Table of contents

Section	Title	Action
1	General information	
2	Participants	
3	Budget	
4	Ethics and security	
5	Other questions	

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Applicant's last name

Part B1

ACRONYM

ERC Consolidator Grant 2025
Research proposal [Part B1]¹
(Part B1 is evaluated in Step 1 and Step 2,
Part B2 is evaluated in Step 2 only)

Proposal Full Title
PROPOSAL ACRONYM

Cover Page:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Name of the PI's Host Institution for the project
- Proposal duration in months

Please delete all text highlighted in grey in this template.

Proposal summary (identical to the abstract from the online proposal submission forms, section 1).

The abstract (summary) should, at a glance, provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the research proposal and how they will be achieved. The abstract will be used as the short description of your research proposal in the evaluation process and in communications to contact in particular potential independent external experts and/or to inform the Commission and/or the programme management committees and/or relevant national funding agencies. It must therefore be short and precise and should not contain confidential information.

Please use plain typed text, avoiding formulae and other special characters. The abstract must be written in English. There is a limit of 2000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

PART B1 – submitted as .pdf

- **Abstract (up to 2000 characters)**
- **Extended Synopsis** 5 p.
- **CV & Track Record** 4 p.
 - Personal details
 - Research achievements & Peer Recognition
 - Additional Information (career breaks, diverse career paths, major life events & other contributions)

STEP 1

Explain and justify the cross-panel or cross domain nature of your proposal, if a secondary panel is indicated in the online proposal submission forms. There is a limit of 1000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

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Applicant's last name Part B1 ACRONYM

Section b: Curriculum vitae and Track Record (max. 4 pages)

[You may modify the below template if necessary.]

PERSONAL DETAILS

[Provide your personal details, your education and key qualifications, current position(s) and relevant previous positions you have held.]

Family name, First name:

Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc. ...):

URL for web site:

• Education and key qualifications

DD/MM/YYYY PhD
Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country
Name of PhD Supervisor
YYYY Master
Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

• Current position(s)

YYYY - YYYY Current Position
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• Previous position(s)

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RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS AND PEER RECOGNITION

Research achievements

[Provide a list of up to ten research outputs that demonstrate how you have advanced knowledge in your field with an emphasis on more recent achievements, such as publications, articles deposited in a publicly available preprint server, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards, start-up businesses or any other research outputs you deem relevant in relation to your research field and your project.

You may include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, your role in producing each of them, and how they demonstrate your capacity to successfully carry out your proposed project.

Peer recognition

PART B1 – submitted as .pdf

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STEP 1

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ERC Consolidator Grant 2025 Part B2¹ (not evaluated in Step 1)

Sections (a) and (b) of Part B2 should not exceed 14 pages. References do not count towards the page limits.

Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.

Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margins (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing. Do NOT split the sections, references and/or the appendix (Funding ID) and do NOT upload them as separate documents.

Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives

Section b. Methodology

Do NOT include any description of resources or budget table here (Part B2). The Resources section and the detailed budget table are part of the online submission form (Part A, Section 3 - Budget) which will be extracted and provided to the peer reviewers. If additional documents are uploaded in the submission system as separate attachments, the peer reviewers will not have access to them.

PART B1 – submitted as .pdf

- **Abstract (up to 2000 characters)**
- **Extended Synopsis** 5 p.
- **CV & Track Record** 4 p.
 - Personal details
 - Research achievements & Peer Recognition
 - Additional Information (career breaks, diverse career paths, major life events & other contributions)

STEP 1

STEP 2

PART B2 – submitted as .pdf

- **Scientific Proposal** 14 p.
 - State of the Art & Objectives
 - Methodology

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 - Methodology

STEP 1

STEP 2

How to prepare & submit an ERC research proposal

ERC Panel Structure 2025 (28 panels)

Each panel :
Panel Chair and 11-16 Panel Members

Panel members

- cover the full range of areas inside a specific panel (**check ERC Panel descriptors**)
- alternate in odd and even years with some changes
(at the application stage only the panel chair is released)

Tip: Check for panel members' names [here](#), to (try to) understand who will be evaluating you on a specific year

How to prepare & submit an ERC research proposal

ERC Panel Structure 2025 (28 panels)

Each panel :
Panel Chair and 11-16 Panel Members

Physical Sciences & Engineering

PE1 Mathematics
PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences
PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
PE9 Universe Sciences
PE10 Earth System Science
PE11 Materials Engineering

Social Sciences and Humanities

SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
SH3 The Social World and Its Interactions
SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
SH5 Texts and Concept
SH6 The Study of the Human Past
SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts

Life Sciences

LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
LS2 Integrative Biology: from Genes and Genomes to System
LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration
LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing
LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System
LS6 Immunity, Infection, and Immunotherapy
LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering

ERC Panel and Keywords

ERC Panel Structure 2025 (28 panels)

- Keyword Selection defines the primary evaluation panel

Duration in months* *Estimated duration of the project in full months.*

Primary ERC Review Panel* PE2 - Fundamental Constituents of Matter ?

Secondary ERC Review Panel SH6 - The Study of the Human Past (if applicable)

ERC Keyword 1* PE2_07 Nuclear and particle astrophysics ?

Please select, if applicable: **As first keyword please choose one which is linked to the Primary Review Panel.**

ERC Keyword 2 PE2_01 Theory of fundamental interactions

ERC Keyword 3 PE2_02 Phenomenology of fundamental interactions

ERC Keyword 4 PE2_03 Experimental particle physics with accelerators

Free keywords PE2_04 Experimental particle physics without accelerators

ERC Keyword 1 PE2_05 Classical and quantum physics of gravitational interactions

ERC Keyword 2 PE2_06 Nuclear, hadron and heavy ion physics

ERC Keyword 3 PE2_07 Nuclear and particle astrophysics

ERC Keyword 4 PE2_08 Gas and plasma physics

Free keywords PE2_09 Electromagnetism

ERC Keyword 1 PE2_10 Atomic, molecular physics

ERC Keyword 2 PE2_11 Ultra-cold atoms and molecules

ERC Keyword 3 PE2_12 Optics, non-linear optics and nano-optics

ERC Keyword 4 PE2_13 Quantum optics and quantum information

ERC ver 2.00 20240527 PE2_14 Lasers, ultra-short lasers and laser physics

Application for PE2_15 Thermodynamics

PE2_16 Non-linear physics

PE2_17 Metrology and measurement

PE2_18 Equilibrium and non-equilibrium statistical mechanics: steady states and dynamics

ERC Keyword 1 (Primary panel)

ERC Keyword 2 (any panel)

ERC Keyword 3 (any panel)

ERC Keyword 4 (any panel)

Free keywords

(what are and why are they needed?)

ERC Panel and Keywords

ERC Panel Structure 2025 (28 panels)

Physical Sciences and Engineering

PE1 Mathematics

All areas of mathematics, pure and applied, plus mathematical foundations of computer science, mathematical physics and statistics

- PE1_1 Logic and foundations
- PE1_2 Algebra
- PE1_3 Number theory
- PE1_4 Algebraic and complex geometry
- PE1_5 Lie groups, Lie algebras
- PE1_6 Geometry and global analysis
- PE1_7 Topology
- PE1_8 Analysis
- PE1_9 Operator algebras and functional analysis
- PE1_10 ODE and dynamical systems
- PE1_11 Theoretical aspects of partial differential equations
- PE1_12 Mathematical physics
- PE1_13 Probability
- PE1_14 Mathematical statistics
- PE1_15 Generic statistical methodology and modelling
- PE1_16 Discrete mathematics and combinatorics
- PE1_17 Mathematical aspects of computer science
- PE1_18 Numerical analysis
- PE1_19 Scientific computing and data processing
- PE1_20 Control theory, optimisation and operational research
- PE1_21 Application of mathematics in sciences
- PE1_22 Application of mathematics in industry and society

PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter

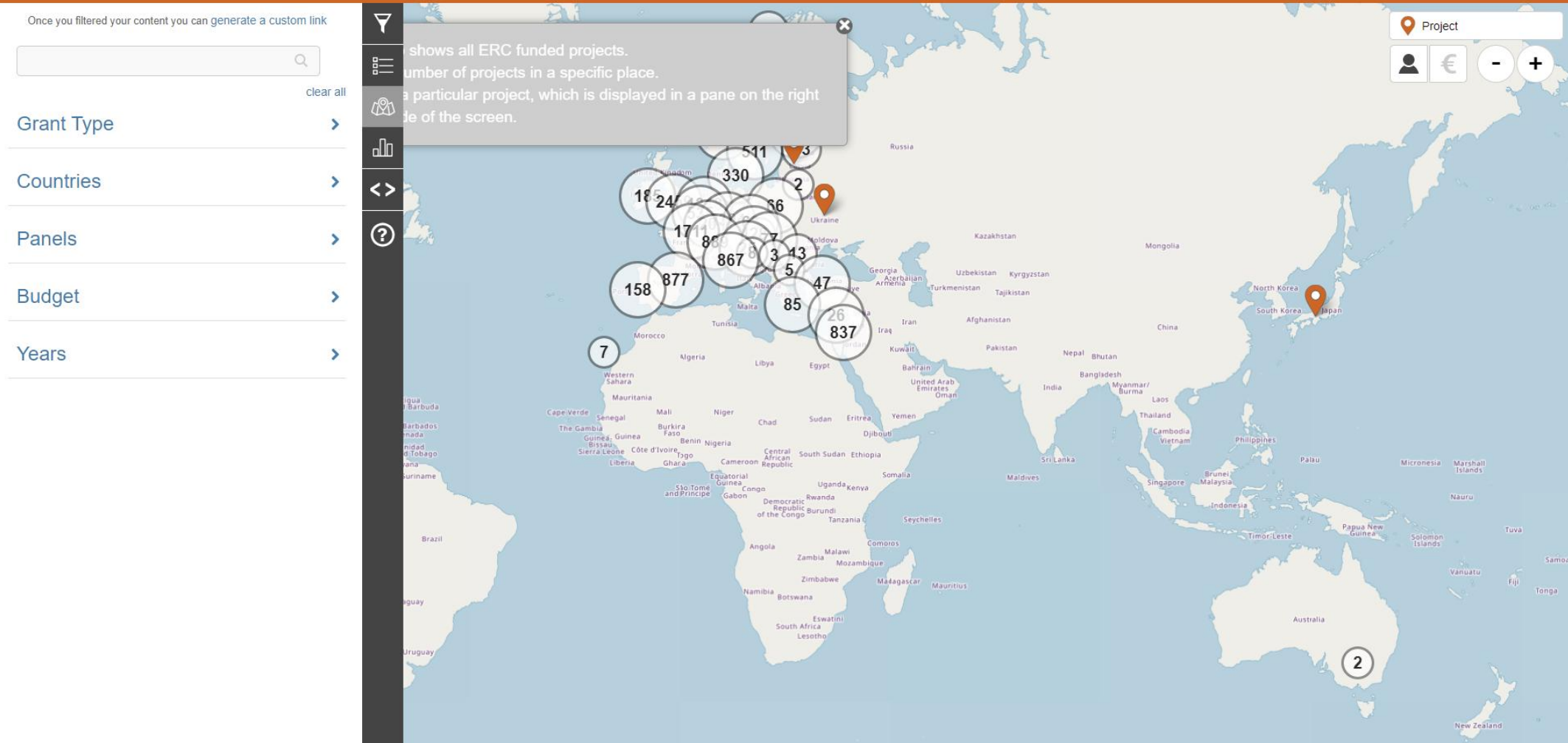
Particle, nuclear, plasma, atomic, molecular, gas, and optical physics

- PE2_1 Theory of fundamental interactions
- PE2_2 Phenomenology of fundamental interactions
- PE2_3 Experimental particle physics with accelerators
- PE2_4 Experimental particle physics without accelerators
- PE2_5 Classical and quantum physics of gravitational interactions
- PE2_6 Nuclear, hadron and heavy ion physics
- PE2_7 Nuclear and particle astrophysics
- PE2_8 Gas and plasma physics
- PE2_9 Electromagnetism
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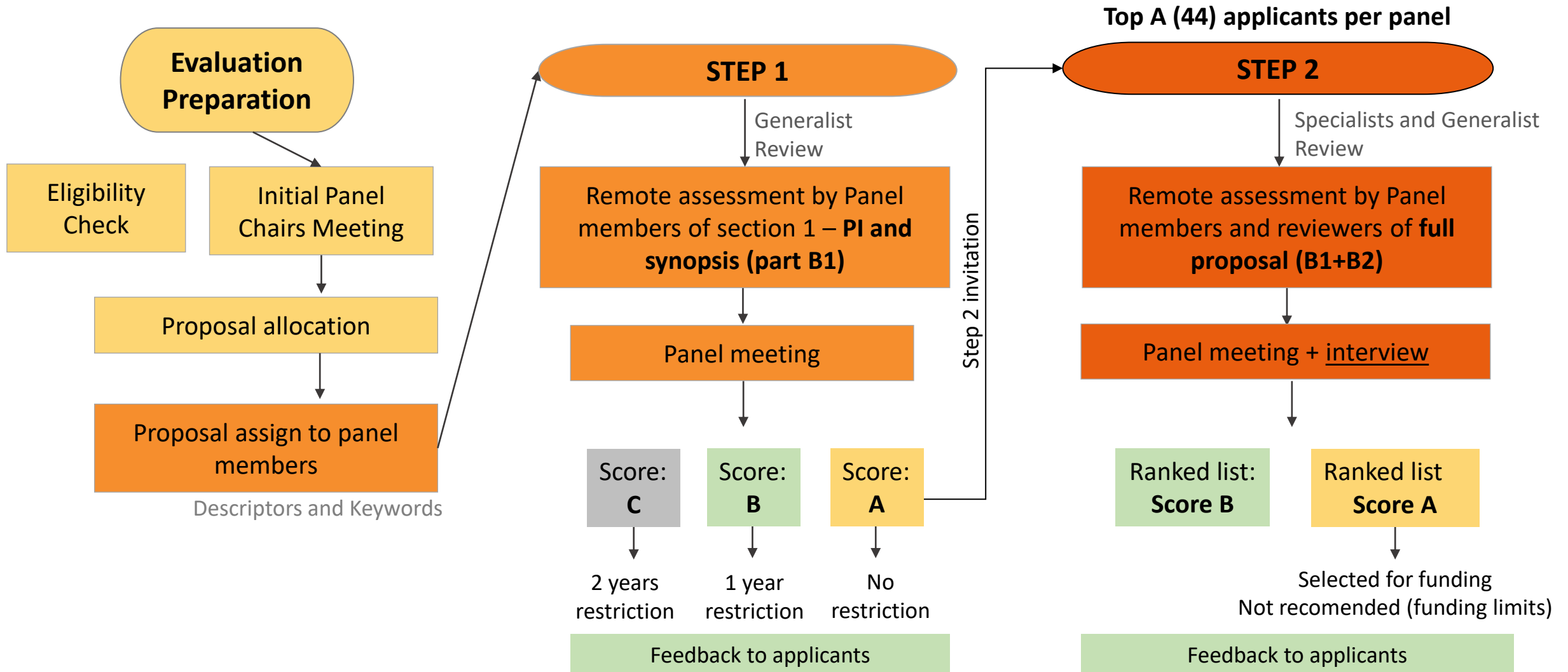
ERC Hub: <https://erc.easme-web.eu/>

Finding and fitting my idea

Datahub of ERC funded projects (all signed ERC grants until 28/3/2023)



ERC Proposals Evaluation



ERC Evaluation Form – 2 criteria only

1. Research Project Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

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 between or across disciplines)?

Scientific Approach

- ✓ To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the groundbreaking nature and ambition of the proposed research (based on the Extended Synopsis)?
- ✓ To what extent does the proposal go beyond what the individual Principal Investigators could achieve alone (**for Synergy Grants**, based on the Extended Synopsis)?
- ✓ To what extent do the Principal Investigators succeed in proposing a combination of scientific approaches that are crucial to address the scope and complexity of the research questions to be tackled (**for Synergy Grants**, based on the Extended Synopsis)?
- ✓ To what extent are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the research proposal)?
- ✓ To what extent are the proposed timescales, resources, and PI commitment adequate and properly justified (based on the research proposal)?

ERC Evaluation Form – 2 criteria only

2. Principal Investigator

Intellectual capacity and creativity

- ✓ To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?
- ✓ To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative independent thinking?
- ✓ To what extent does the PI have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

Preparing your proposal:

Step by Step

Start thinking today :



1. I am eligible for ERC **XXXX**
2. What do I want to research for 5 years that is bold, relevant, curiosity-driven, and aligned with my CV and skills?
3. Search for **inspiration** on the ERC Hub (panels, style, etc)
4. Contact previous applicants and awardees - Find a mentor?
5. Prepare an outline of your project (draw a roadmap of what you want to do, why and how), gather preliminary data (if possible)
6. Decide the structure of your proposal
7. **Start writing** – Write for generalists, provide context, definitions and details (this is how you showcase your expertise)
8. An ERC is not a review paper.... Is a statement of need with detailed actions toward a major scientific advance.

Preparing your proposal:

Step by Step

Once the call is open:



1. Read the call documents carefully.
2. Contact the Host Institution and gather all the details you need for the application.
3. **Start writing your proposal.** Allow time for other people to review your draft.
4. Familiarise yourself with the [EU submission service](#).
5. **Submit your proposal as early as possible.** Deadlines cannot be changed under any circumstances. You can update your submitted proposal any time before the deadline by simply submitting a new version, which will overwrite the old one.
6. You will get an 'acknowledgement of receipt' by e-mail for each submission.

Preparing your proposal:

Step by Step

After the deadline



1. The ERC will check whether your proposal meets the call's eligibility criteria.
2. External experts will evaluate all the eligible proposals.
3. You will receive further information as your proposal progresses through the evaluation. You can consult the timeframe for your call.

TIMEFRAME	
1. Results of eligibility check (applies only to proposals declared ineligible)	~1/2 month after deadline
2. Invitations for interviews	2/3 months after deadline
3. Results of Step 1 for non-retained applicants	~3/4 months after deadline
4. Step 2 Interviews	5/6 months after deadline
5. Results of Step 2	~8 months after deadline
6. Start of Grant	From 8 months onward

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant
<i>Call deadline</i>	15 October 2024	14 January 2025	28 August 2025	6 November 2024
<i>Budget million EUR²³ (estimated number of grants)</i>	751 (483)	719 (354)	683 (276)	500 (48)
<i>Planned dates to inform applicants after each step</i>	5 May 2025 22 August 2025	18 July 2025 12 December 2025	30 January 2026 12 June 2026	14 April 2025 15 August 2025 27 October 2025
<i>Indicative date for signature of grant agreements</i>	21 December 2025	12 April 2026	17 November 2026	24 March 2026

Final Considerations

- Plan your application (STG, CoG, AdV or SyN)?
- Be **aware on eligibility and future restrictions to applications**
- Be **ambitious** and '**daring**'; panels instructed to seek out frontiers research
- **Grab interest and attention of readers/ reviewers**, you must convince them
- Remember that Part B1 will be seen by 'generalists' (panel members), provide context
- If you make it to Step 2, reviewers see both B1 and B2
- Ask for help
- Ask for feedback
- **If you apply you might be surprised with the outcome, or you can simply reapply** (you will receive valuable feedback)
- *Do not include unnecessary partners and collaborators; it is not supposed to be a 'consortium'*

