European Research Council (ERC)
National Contact Point ERC

ERC funding schemes

**Starting Grants**
- Target group: excellent scientists 2-7 years after PhD
- Supporting the establishment of own research group
- Budget: max. 1.5 million euros (in exceptional cases up to 2.5 million euros)
- Project duration: up to 5 years

**Consolidator Grants**
- Target group: excellent scientists 7-12 years after PhD
- Supporting the consolidation of scientific independence
- Budget: max. 2 million euros (in exceptional cases up to 3 million euros)
- Project duration: up to 5 years

**Advanced Grants**
- Target group: experienced scientists with an excellent 10-year-track-record
- Support to strengthen a research group
- Budget: max. 2.5 million euros (in exceptional cases up to 3.5 million euros)
- Project duration: up to 5 years

**Synergy Grants**
- Target groups: young researchers (with first independent research results) as well as established researchers with outstanding research achievements
- Funding a group of 2-4 researchers and their teams
- Budget: max. 10 million euros (in exceptional cases up to 14 million euros)
- Project duration: up to 6 years

**Proof of Concept**
- Target group: ERC Grant Holders
- Funding to explore the potential of ideas arising from ERC projects
- Budget: max. 150 000 euros
- Project duration: up to 18 months
The ERC is the first pan-European funding body established to support investigator-driven frontier research. It is financed by the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon Europe. The aim is to support groundbreaking ideas.

The ERC stands for:

- funding of frontier research
- bottom-up calls without thematic priorities
- scientific excellence as the sole criterion for project selection
- funding of individual researchers and their teams
- scientific autonomy

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The European Research Council (ERC) promotes excellence in research.

The ERC supports frontier research projects in different funding lines for the appropriate career level from two years after the doctorate.

Outstanding researchers of any nationality and their teams can submit proposals for groundbreaking research projects from all research areas.

Evaluation is based solely on the criterion of excellence.

The project must be carried out at an institution in the European Union or in a country associated to Horizon Europe.

The National Contact Point offers the following services in German and English:

- Information and support events for potential applicants (workshops/presentations) in Germany
- Individual advice in all questions concerning the ERC application by phone or e-mail
- Interview trainings
- Legal and financial information with regard to grant preparation and project management
- Strategic consulting for universities and research institutions
- A newsletter in English and German