

Horizon Europe: European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants

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Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of frontier research in any field of research: high risk/high gain • Funding of individual researchers (Principal Investigators) and their teams • Funding of researchers starting an independent research career
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers of any nationality and age • 2-7 years after PhD (extension possible in documented cases such as maternity, paternity, long-term illness, national service, clinical training, natural disaster, seeking asylum; special rules for MD)
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for up to 5 years • Max. 1.5 million EUR (possibly + 1 million EUR for major equipment, researchers moving from Third Countries or major experimental or field work costs)
Time commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% on the ERC project and minimum 50% in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country
Host institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual call for proposals • One-stage proposal submission • Online via the Funding and Tenders Portal (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal)
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sole criterion: scientific excellence • Two-stage evaluation process (peer review) • Interview at the second step of evaluation
Success rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023: 14.8%
Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of call (tba.): approx. July 2024 • Deadline for submission (tba.): approx. October 2024
Further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant • http://www.nks-erc.de/