

European Research Council (ERC)

	<u>ERC Starting Grant</u> (2 and ≤ 7 years after PhD)	<u>ERC Consolidator Grant</u> (7 and ≤ 12 years after PhD)	<u>ERC Advanced Grant</u>
<i>Profiles of Principal Investigators (PIs)</i>	The PI should have already shown evidence of the potential for research independence, <u>for example</u> by having produced at least one important publication as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor.	The PI should have already shown evidence of research independence.	The PI is expected to be an active and established research leader with a track record of significant research achievements. No specific eligibility criteria with respect to the academic requirements are foreseen.
	The PI is expected to include e.g. a list of up to ten research outputs that demonstrate how the applicant has advanced knowledge in their field with an emphasis on more recent achievements and a list of selected examples of significant peer recognition (<u>for example</u> , prizes). The applicant may include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, the applicant's role in producing each of them, and how they demonstrate the applicant's capacity to successfully carry out their proposed project may be included, as well as a short explanation of the importance of the listed examples of significant peer recognition. The applicant may also include relevant additional information on career breaks, diverse career paths, and life events, as well as any particularly noteworthy contributions to the research community they have made other than research achievements and peer recognition and a short explanation of these contributions. The purpose of this section is to allow the panels to take a more rounded view of the applicant's career and achievements and to ensure that any additional responsibilities, commitments, and leadership roles that the applicants have taken on beyond their individual research activities are recognised and taken into account.		The PI must provide a list of achievements reflecting their track record. A short narrative describing the scientific importance of the research outputs and the role played by the PI in their production may also be included.
<i>Evaluation of the PI - Intellectual capacity and creativity</i>	<p>- Intellectual capacity and creativity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research? > To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative and original thinking? > To what extent does the PI have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project? 		

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<p><i>Evaluation of the Research Project - Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility</i></p>	<p>- Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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)? <p>- Scientific Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the ground-breaking nature and ambition of the proposed research (based on the Extended Synopsis)? > To what extent do the PIs succeed in proposing a combination of scientific approaches that are crucial to address the scope and complexity of the research questions to be tackled? > 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)?
<p><i>Principles of the ERC</i></p>	<p>Research integrity: Any breach of research integrity by PIs, team members or beneficiaries may be sanctioned by measures e.g. the rejection of proposals, requests for measures to be taken by the host institution, reduction of the grant and suspension or termination of grants.</p> <p>Ethics and Security: Every project funded by the ERC is subject to an ethics review process. It is independent from the evaluation procedure and the evaluation panels do not have access to the ethics documents. ERC actions must comply with applicable security rules and in particular rules on the protection of classified information against unauthorised disclosure, including compliance with any relevant EU and national law.</p> <p>Open science: The ERC is committed to the principle of open access to any published output of research, including in particular peer-reviewed articles and monographs. It also supports the basic principle of open access to research data and data related products such as computer code.</p> <p>Gender and Diversity: Beneficiaries of ERC grants must take all measures to promote equal opportunities between men and women in the implementation of the action and aim for a gender balance at all levels of personnel assigned to the action, including at supervisory and managerial level. PIs should also determine the relevance of integrating sex and gender analysis into their research.</p> <p>Communicate your research: Outreach activities are a must triggering new collaborations and opportunities for the PIs and their teams, sharing the project and its results with the research community, the media, policy-makers, potential investors, funding agencies and the public.</p>