ERC 2014 Calls

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ERC Grant schemes

Starting Grants
- starters (2-7 years after PhD)
- up to € 2.0 Mio for 5 years

Consolidator Grants
- consolidators (7-12 years after PhD)
- up to € 2.75 Mio for 5 years

Advanced Grants
- track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years
- up to € 3.5 Mio for 5 years

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

- Evaluation Process
- Preparing an application
- Statistics
Submission of full proposal (strict deadline!)

Eligibility check (PI, HI, submission restrictions)

Step 1 (remote) evaluation on the basis of section 1 of proposal* by panel members

1st Panel meeting

Proposals passing to step 2

Individual assessment of full proposal by panel members & referees

AdG: 2nd Panel meeting

StG, CoG: 2nd Panel meeting incl. interviews of applicants

Proposals selected for funding based on call budget

*) Profile of PI, project extended synopsis (Part B1)
Eligibility and Re-submissions

• Ineligibility
  o Submission after the deadline.
  o Incomplete proposals.
  o No commitment letter from the HI.
  o PhD award date outside the window.

• Re-submissions
  o If applied in 2013 – only apply to 2014 if awarded at least an A or a B in Step 1.
  o Only one application per PI under the same WP.
2014 Resubmission restrictions

- Increasing number applications causes low success rates and high panel workload
- Currently 2013 applicants who received "C" at step 1 cannot resubmit in 2014
- For 2014 applicants, tighter resubmission rules can be expected:
  - those who receive B (Step 1 or Step 2) have to wait out one year
  - those who receive a C will have to wait out two years
Who evaluates the proposals?

- **Panel members**: typically 600 / call
  - High-level scientists
  - Recruited by ScC from all over the world
  - About 12 members plus a chair person

- **Referees**: typically 2000 / call
  - Evaluate only a small number of proposals
  - Similar to normal practise in peer-reviewed journals

Other (7%)
Reviewer Exclusion

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## Feedback to Applicants

### End of Step 1:

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End of **Step 2**:

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StG 2014
Important changes from last year

- More stringent resubmission restrictions
- Eligibility rules for MDs
- Simplified budget table (Parts A and B)
- Ethics table \(\rightarrow\) Part of the online submission forms
- Funding ID – changed format
- Model CVs provided
- Reason for exclusion of reviewers and other changes
StG/CoG Applicants with MDs (1)

MD applicants need to provide:
- certificates of MD basic studies and
- proof of an appointment that requires doctoral equivalency (e.g. post-doctoral fellowship, professorship appointment).

Time reference for calculation of the eligibility time-window = the certified date of the MD completion plus two years

For further details, see ERC WP 2014 – Annex II
StG/CoG Applicants with MDs (2)

For applicants holding both an MD and a PhD:

- MD takes precedence over PhD only when the applicant has held an appointment that requires a doctoral equivalency (e.g. post-doctoral fellowship, professorship appointment).

- Proof of completion of clinical training: no longer makes an MD applicant eligible.

- Clinical training: still counts as reason for extension of the eligibility window (up to a maximum of 4.5 Years).
Established by the European Commission

Simplified budget table – Part A

For each participant only total costs and requested EU contribution is asked

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<th>Participant Number in this proposal</th>
<th>Organisation Short Name</th>
<th>Organisation Country</th>
<th>Total estimated eligible costs / €</th>
<th>Requested EU contribution / €</th>
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NB. Calculation of indirect costs will follow the general H2020 flat rate of 25% of the total eligible direct costs.
# Ethics table:
Part of Online Submission Forms

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<th>Proposal ID</th>
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## 4 - Ethics

### 4.11 HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUS

- **Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

- **Does your research involve the use of human embryos?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

- **Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

### 4.12 HUMANS

- **Does your research involve human participants?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

- **Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

- If your research involves processing of genetic information, please go to the section “Protection of personal data”.
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

### 4.13 HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES

- **Does your research involve human cells or tissues? (If human embryos/foetus, go to the section “Human Embryos/Feotus”)**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

### 4.14 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

- **Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐

- **Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary legal)?**
  - Yes: ☑
  - No: ☐
New Funding ID table for Part B1

- Table format (provisional) under Section b: Curriculum Vitae
- To give comparable level of details to the reviewers

**Ongoing grants**

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New Model CVs for Part B1

- Provided as examples in the Guide for applicants
- Available in the participant portal
### Simplified budget table – Part B2

(Provisional example)

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**i. Total Direct costs for Personnel (in Euro)**

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**ii. Total Other Direct Costs (in Euro)**

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<th>B – Indirect Costs (overheads) 25% of Direct Costs(^3) (in Euro)</th>
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<td>C1 – Subcontracting Costs (no overheads) (in Euro)</td>
<td>C2 – Other Direct Costs with no overheads(^4) (in Euro)</td>
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<th>Total Estimated Eligible Costs (A + B + C) (in Euro)(^5)</th>
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\(^\d\) Financial reporting periods disappear

\(^\d\) Detailed budget breakdown will be asked at granting

\(^\d\) indirect costs : 25%

\(^\d\) Only bottom two figures will be asked in A forms
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Other changes

- Possibility to provide a Researcher ID (e.g. ORCHID) in A- and B-forms
- Interdisciplinary projects: justification paragraph in part B1
- The security scrutiny procedure will be abandoned
- Changes in the panel descriptors for all SH panels (please see the WP and the GfA when published)
Preparing an application (1)

- **Register early**, get familiar with the system and templates and start filling in the forms
- Have all your documentation ready in time.
- Follow the formatting rules and page limits.
- Proof-read the proposal well.
Preparing an application (2)

• Check coherency of figures, **justify requested resources** and involvement of team members

• Submit your proposal and relevant annexes **well in advance** before the deadline to avoid last minute errors

• ! A submitted proposal can be **revised until the call deadline** by submitting a new version and overwriting the previous one
Guidelines and Other Resources

- Read the Guide for Applicants and the Ideas Work Programme.

- Any doubts about your eligibility or any other questions, contact one of the NCPs or the ERCEA.

- Have a look at what is already funded and the profile of the grantees.
ERC Funded Projects

http://erc.europa.eu/erc-funded-projects

The system is currently being updated. We are aware that some projects may not appear and we are working on a solution.

The ERC operates according to an “investigator-driven” or “bottom-up” approach, allowing researchers to identify new opportunities in any field of research. Accordingly, the portfolio of ERC funded projects spans a wide range of topics and research questions.

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Outline

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ERC STG, COG, ADG 2013
Age of applicants at call publication date
Age of StG and AdG grantees

ERC STG ADG Age of grantees: All Calls 2007-12
(~3450 grantees)

Age of grantees at call publication date

# grantees

22 26 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 66 68 70 72 74

AdG StG
ERC panel members by country of HI and gender

ERC Starting and Advanced Grant calls 2007 – 2012

* Number of instances that experts of a certain country of origin are contributing to the ERC peer review
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