

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL Advanced Grant

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Are you a **highly established but still innovative scientist with major achievements in your career**? The ERC Advanced Grant could be for you. It will help leading principal investigators to pursue a ground-breaking, ambitious project and strengthen their leadership role.

Eligibility:

- Any field of research can apply on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined topics.
- The Principal Investigator (PI) can be of any nationality, but the **PI's Host Institution (HI) must be established in an EU member state or associated country.**
- The applicant is usually a single entity. Co-beneficiaries may be added if they are established in countries eligible for funding (EU member states, countries associated to the ERC, lower and middle income third countries).
- There is no strict eligibility window, but you have to demonstrate a **track record of significant research achievements** for minimum 10 years. The PIs should be exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions.
- **Working time commitment:** The PI must spend at least 30% of his/her total working time for the ERC Grant and 50% in an EU member state or associated country.
- **Re-submission restrictions:** Rating B or C in step 1 for an ERC Starting, Consolidator or Advanced Grant proposal submitted in 2025, rating C for such a proposal submitted in 2024.

Funding:

- Up to a **maximum of EUR 2 500 000 for a period of max. 5 years.**
- Additional funding: up to EUR 2 000 000 for PIs from third countries moving to an EU member state or associated country. For researchers inside the EU, additional EUR 1 000 000 can be made available to cover, e.g., large equipment, expensive field work or major experiments.
- If the project duration is less than 5 years, the grant will be proportionally reduced.
- **Lump sum:** You will be reimbursed for the amounts planned in the proposal up to the total budget limit. You will therefore only need to report your research achievements, not the actual costs.

Submission deadline: 27 August 2026

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