

## EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL Consolidator Grant

The mission of the European Research Council (ERC) is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven frontier research.

Are you an excellent scientist with an ascending trend of research outputs and significant recognition by peers? Do you want to **consolidate your independence and continue to develop a success career** in Europe? The ERC Consolidator Grant could be for you. It will help ambitious young group leaders to establish or strengthen an independent, excellent research team.

### 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).
- **Eligibility window:** PIs are eligible **between 7 years and 12 years after completing their PhD.** Due to the cut-off dates of the current call, **the date of PhD defense must lie between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2018. This timeframe may be extended under special circumstances**, e.g. maternity/parental leave (for women: 18 months per child justified by the birth certificate(s), for men: extension by the period of documented parental leave); military/national service (documented amount of leave); inability to work (documented period) for the following reasons: long-term illness, disability, major disasters, asylum seeking, being a victim of (gender-based) violence; for medical doctors: clinical training (documented training duration of up to 4 years).
- **Working time commitment:** The PI must spend at least 40% 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 or Consolidator Grant proposal submitted in 2025, rating C for a proposal submitted in 2024.

### Funding:

- Up to a **maximum of EUR 2 000 000 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.
- Actual costs: You will be reimbursed for the actual costs incurred up to the total budget limit.

**Submission deadline:** 14 January 2026

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