

# European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants (StG)

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<b>Aim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding of frontier research in any field of research</li> <li>• Funding of individual researchers (Principal Investigators) and their teams</li> <li>• Funding of researchers starting an independent research career</li> </ul>
<b>Target group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researchers of any nationality and age</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>
<b>Time commitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 50% on the ERC project and minimum 50% in Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Host institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in EU-Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for up to 5 years</li> <li>• Max. 1.5 million EUR (possibly + 1 million EUR for major equipment, researchers moving from Third Countries to Europe or major experimental or field work costs)</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 601 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 387)</li> </ul>
<b>Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual call for proposals</li> <li>• One-stage proposal submission</li> <li>• Electronically via the Funding and Tenders Portal</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-stage evaluation process (peer review)</li> <li>• 28 evaluation panels</li> <li>• Interview at the second step of evaluation</li> </ul>
<b>Next call for proposals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission deadline: 24 October 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Success rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021: 9.8%, 2020: 13.3%, 2019: 13.1%, 2018: 12.7%</li> </ul>