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High demand for ERC Consolidator Grant

A total of 3673 proposals were submitted to the first Consolidator Grant competition of the European Research Council (ERC). The 2013 calls for Consolidator Grants (3673) and Starting Grants (3329) together attracted 7002 applications from early-career researchers. This can be compared to the 4741 proposals submitted to the previous year's Starting Grant call, which at the time was open to researchers with 2 to 12 years after their PhD. This represents a 48 % increase in demand from this group of researchers.

Since last year, the ERC Starting Grant scheme is split in two: the new ERC Consolidator Grant for researchers with over 7 and up to 12 years of experience after their PhD and the ERC Starting Grant, targeted at researchers with at least 2 and up to 7 years of experience after their PhD.

In this Consolidator Grant call, the distribution by the three ERC domains was as follows: 1668 proposals in 'Physical Sciences and Engineering', 1203 in 'Life Sciences' and 802 in 'Social Sciences and Humanities'. The results of the selection for the Consolidator Grant call are expected to be published in December 2013/January 2014.

For more information

[Demand for ERC Starting Grants increases by over 50%](#)

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