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## **ERC 2017 Starting Grants: Over 3000 applications received**

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**By yesterday's deadline, 3,081 applications were submitted in the 2017 Starting Grant call. The call has a budget of €605 million and it is expected that it will provide some 415 grants, worth up to €1.5 million each.**

The application number rose about 5% compared to the 2016 Starting Grant call which included 2,935 submissions.

The applications will be evaluated and selected after a peer-review process involving hundreds of renowned scientists from around the world. Final results are to be officially communicated from 31 May to 6 September 2017.

### **Background**

ERC Starting Grants are awarded to researchers of any nationality with two to seven years of experience since completion of the PhD (or equivalent degree) and a scientific track record showing great promise. Two thirds of the ERC budget is earmarked for the early-career researchers – the Starting Grant and Consolidator Grant schemes - and calls for proposals are published once a year for each scheme.

Set up by the European Union in 2007, the European Research Council is the first European funding organisation for excellent frontier research. The ERC every year selects and funds the very best individual scientists to run five-year projects in Europe. To date, the ERC has funded some 6,500 top researchers at various stages of their careers.

The ERC is led by an independent governing body, the Scientific Council, composed of 22 renowned scientists and chaired by ERC President Professor Jean-Pierre Bourguignon. The ERC has a budget of over €13 billion for the years 2014 to 2020 and is part of the EU research and innovation programme, Horizon 2020, for which European Commissioner Carlos Moedas is responsible.

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