



## News release

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### 997 proposals submitted for ERC Advanced Grants in the physical sciences and engineering

The ERC can announce that 997 proposals were submitted to the first deadline for applications to the ERC Advanced Grant scheme. The 28 February deadline was for applications in the domain of physical sciences and engineering. The deadline for social sciences and the humanities is 18 March 2008 and for life sciences and medicine is 22 April 2008. The number of applications received in these domains will be announced at those times.

Proposals will be reviewed in the coming weeks by 25 high level evaluation panels.

Prof Fotis Kafatos, ERC President said:

"The ERC Advanced Grant scheme has got off to an excellent start. After massive interest in the first Starting Grant call last year, the ERC Scientific Council took a number of steps to moderate the demand for Advanced Grants while ensuring that the competition remained attractive to the very best research leaders. The roughly 1000 proposals received in the physical sciences and engineering domain will be subject to a high level of competition, but the ultimate success rate is likely to be of the order of 10% or more, in comparison to the roughly 3% chance of success for the first Starting Grant applicants."

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