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Overview of ERC individual grants

Calls 2026

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INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
**LONG TERM
GRANTS**
TO PIONEERING PROJECTS
IN ANY FIELD OF FRONTIER RESEARCH



Life Sciences



Physical Sciences and Engineering



Social Sciences and Humanities



Why to apply for an ERC grant?

ERC offers independence, recognition & visibility to:

- work on a research topic of own choice
- gain financial autonomy for 5 years
- negotiate the best conditions of work with the host institution in an **EU MS or HE Associated Countries**
- attract excellent team members and collaborators from **anywhere in the world**
- move with the grant to any place in Europe if desired (**portability of grants**)
- win additional funding



ERC individual grants in calls 2026



Starting Grants

2-7 years after PhD

up to €1.5 M

for 5 years

min. of 50 % time in Europe

working time on ERC project: 50%



Consolidator Grants

7-12 years after PhD

up to €2 M

for 5 years

min. of 50 % time in Europe

working time on ERC project: 40%



Advanced Grants

track-record of significant research achievements

up to €2.5 M

for 5 years

min. of 50 % time in Europe

working time on ERC project: 30%

Main changes in calls 2026

New structure of the scientific proposal

- Scientific proposal Part I (up to 5 pages) should describe the overall idea of the proposed research project
- Scientific proposal Part II (up to 7 pages) should describe the implementation in detail: research methodology, work plan, risk assessment, justification for the requested budget and resources, etc.

Additional funding

- Increased funding for researchers moving to EU MS or Horizon Europe Associated Countries: up to €2 million will be available for researchers applying for StG, CoG or AdG (previously: €1 million).

ERC Work Programme 2026:

Call planning

	Estimated number of grants	Call opening	Submission deadline	Results
Starting Grant ERC-2026-StG	450	9 July 2025	14 October 2025	August 2026
Consolidator Grant ERC-2026-CoG	328	25 September 2025	13 January 2026	December 2026
Advanced Grant ERC-2026-AdG	294	28 May 2026	27 August 2026	June 2027

For more information

[ERC website](#)

[ERC Classes](#)

[ERC National Contact Points](#): your first point of contact

[EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#): ERC calls are published in this portal

[Research Enquiry Service](#): for questions regarding Horizon Europe, funding instruments available and validation process of participants

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