

# European Research Council (ERC)

## Advanced Grants 2026 (AdG)

Updated January 2026

<b>Aim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding of frontier research in any field of research</li> <li>Funding of excellent, experienced and established researchers (Principal Investigators) and their teams in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions</li> </ul>
<b>Target group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researchers with outstanding research achievements in the last 10 years</li> <li>Researchers of any nationality and age</li> </ul>
<b>Time commitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 30% on the ERC project and minimum 50% in Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Host institution</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. 2.5 million EUR (possibly + 1 million EUR additional funding for major equipment or major experimental cost or field work costs or personal cost or researchers moving from Third Countries to Europe)</li> <li>Lump Sum funding model</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>747 million EUR (estimated number of grants: 294)</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>Opening: 28 May 2026</li> <li>Submission deadline: 27 August 2026</li> </ul>
<b>Success rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024: 11%, 2023: 13.9%, 2022: 13.2%, 2021: 14.6%,</li> </ul>