

# European Research Council (ERC) ERC Plus Grants 2026 (Plus)

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<b>Aim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding of frontier research in any field of research that cannot be realised within the framework of a regular ERC grant</li> </ul>
<b>Target group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researchers who demonstrate exceptional scientific excellence</li> <li>Researchers of any nationality, career stage 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 4 up to 7 years</li> <li>Max. 7 million EUR (no additional funding, no pro rata reduction)</li> <li>Lump Sum funding model</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>210 million EUR for an estimated number of 30 (!) grants</li> </ul>
<b>Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual call for proposals</li> <li>One-stage proposal submission</li> <li>New part of application: "Statement of Vision" (about one half page)</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>evaluation by the existing 28 Advanced Grant Pannels</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: 2 June 2026</li> <li>Submission deadline: 2 September 2026</li> </ul>
<b>Success rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First call, no success rates available, estimated number of grants is very low</li> </ul>