

European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants (StG)

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Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of frontier research in any field of research • Funding of individual researchers (Principal Investigators) and their teams • Funding of researchers starting an independent research career
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers of any nationality and age • 2-7 years after PhD (call 2021: PhD awarded from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018; extension possible in documented cases such as maternity, paternity, long-term illness etc.; special rules for MD)
Time commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% on the ERC project and minimum 50% in Europe
Host institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in EU-Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for up to 5 years • Max. 1.5 million EUR (possibly + 1 million EUR for major equipment, researchers moving from Third Countries to Europe or major experimental or field work costs)
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget million EUR: 619 • (estimated number of grants): 413
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual call for proposals • One-stage proposal submission • Electronically via the Funding and Tenders Portal
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-stage evaluation process (peer review) • 27 evaluation panels • Interview in Brussels at the second step of evaluation
Next call for proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Opens: 25 February 2021 • Submission deadline: 08 April 2021
Success rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020: 13.3%, 2019: 13.1%, 2018: 12.7%