



ERC Consolidator Grants (CoG)

The European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator grants provide attractive and long-term funding that supports excellent researchers who want to establish or have recently established a research team and want to continue to strengthen a successful career.

Who can apply

Researchers of any nationality with **7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD**, with a promising track record and an excellent research proposal. Eligibility can be extended under certain circumstances, such as maternity/paternity leave, clinical training military service and long-term illness¹.

Which proposals are eligible

- Any field of research
- Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation based in an EU member state or associated country.
- One or more team members can be located in a non-European country.

Swiss participation in Consolidator Grants

Swiss-based PIs may apply to all ERC grants.

Success rate

Consolidator Grants are highly competitive with a success rate of 11.5%.

Funding

Up to **€ 2 000 000** for a period of **five years**.

¹ [Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls](#)

Dates

The ERC-2026-CoG call opens **25 September 2025** with a deadline on **13 January 2026**.

What to do once the call is open

- Contact your host institution early enough to organise their letter of support.
- Look at past [ERC funded projects](#).
- Contact your [ERC National Contact Point](#) or your nearest [Regional Office](#) and allow enough time for reviews and feedback of the draft proposal.

How to apply

The calls are published on the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#) which contains all information about the call, the templates, and the submission process. If you do not have an account, you need to [register on the portal](#). After that you can start your submission.

How we can support you

Euresearch is the Swiss guide to European Research and Innovation. We support Swiss participation in international research projects and research programmes. In particular the [National Contact Point](#) for the ERC can help you with:

- Proposal-related questions
- Proposal review
- Interview training sessions