



ERC Starting Grants (StG)

The European Research Council (ERC) Starting grants provide attractive and long-term funding that supports excellent researchers at early career stage ready to work independently. Researchers must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition, and feasibility of their research proposal.

Who can apply

Researchers of any nationality with **2-7 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.

Eligible Proposals

- 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 Starting Grants

Scientists based in a Swiss Host institution can now apply for an **ERC StG 2025 grant as beneficiaries**.

Funding

Up to **€ 1 500 000** for a period of **five years**.

Dates

The ERC-2025-StG call opens **10 July 2024** with a deadline on **15 October 2024**.

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 Points](#) for the ERC can help you with:

- Proposal-related questions
- Proposal review

Success rate

Starting Grants are highly competitive with a success rate below 15%.

¹ [ERC Work Programme 2025](#) p. 24