



# ERC Synergy Grants (SyG)

The European Research Council (ERC) Synergy grants provide long-term funding that supports a team of researchers (Synergy Grant Group) as they pursue ground-breaking and ambitious research problems that could not be addressed by the individual researchers working alone. Synergy projects should enable substantial advances at the frontiers of knowledge and have the potential to become a benchmark on a global scale.

## Who can apply

A group of a **minimum of two** and a **maximum of four researchers (SyG-Group)**, at any career stage. The SyG-Group should be able to demonstrate that they can successfully bring together all elements (e.g. skills, knowledge, experience, expertise, disciplines, methods, approaches, teams, and infrastructures) to address the scope and complexity of the research question.

### Eligible proposals

- Any field of research.
- Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation.
- One PI per SyG Group can be hosted by an institution outside of the EU or Associated countries.
- One or more team members (working under the PIs) can be located in a third country.

### Swiss participation in Synergy Grants

Swiss-based PIs can apply to all ERC grants, in the case of SyG grants, this would be as a PI based in an 'associated country'.

## Success rate

Synergy Grants are highly competitive with a success rate below 10%.

## Funding

Up to **€ 10 000 000** for a period of **six years**.

## Dates

The ERC-2026-SyG call opens **10 July 2025** with a deadline on **5 November 2025**.

## 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
- Interview training session