

ERC Plus Grants

The European Research Council (ERC) Plus grant will support researchers with bold ideas and a vision for transformative research that goes beyond the scope of existing ERC programmes.

Who can apply

Researchers of any nationality at any career stage, who have an outstanding record of scientific achievement and are at the forefront of their field.

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 (working under the PI) can be located in a non-European country.

Swiss participation in ERC Plus Grants

Swiss-based PIs may apply to all ERC grants.

Dates

The ERC-2026 Plus call opens on **2 June 2026** with a deadline on **2 September 2026**.

What to do once the call is open

- Contact your host institution early enough to organise the letter of support from them.
- 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

Success rate

Plus Grants are highly competitive: only 30 will be funded in 2026.

Funding

€ 7 for a period of **4-7 years**