ERC Proof of Concept Grants (PoC)

The European Research Council (ERC) Proof of Concept grants support previous or current grantees who want to explore the commercial or societal innovation of their work enabling to progress on the path from ground-breaking research to innovation.

Who can apply

Current ERC principal Investigators (PIs) or ERC PIs whose grants ended less than 12 months before the 1 January of the year of the work programme.

Which proposals are eligible

– Research proposals that will establish a proof of concept of an idea generated from an ERC-funded projects.
– Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation based in an EU member state or associated country.

Swiss participation in Proof of Concept Grants

The current status of **Switzerland** is that of a **non-associated third country**. Scientists based in a Swiss Host institution **are not eligible to apply to an ERC PoC grant.** The SNSF has been mandated by the Swiss federal government to put in place transitional measures.

Success rate

Proof of Concept Grants have a success rate between 32-48%.

Funding

Lump sum of **€ 150 000** for a period of **18 months**.

Dates

The ERC-2024-PoC call opens **16 November 2023** with deadlines on **14 March and 17 September 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 Point for the ERC can help you with:

• Proposal-related questions
• Proposal review

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