



# 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 illness<sup>1</sup>.

### 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 Starting 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 StG grant**. The **SNSF** has been mandated by the Swiss federal government to put in place transitional measures.

## Success rate

Starting Grants are highly competitive with a success rate below 16%.

<sup>1</sup> Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls Version 6.0

## Funding

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

## Dates

The ERC-2024-StG call opens **11 July 2023** with a deadline on **24 October 2023**.

## 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