

European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants 2021 Self-Assessment Checklist

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1 - Are You Eligible?

- 10-year track record of significant research achievements, any age, any nationality, all fields of research, project budget up to €2.5 million for a duration of 5 years
- PI must spend $\geq 30\%$ of total working time on the ERC project and $\geq 50\%$ of total working time in EU member states and/or associated countries

2 - Are You a Competitive Candidate?

- Are you amongst the best researchers in Europe in your scientific field?
- We recommend comparing your achievements with those of past grant winners and get an idea of ERC granted projects in your research field by searching the [ERC database of funded projects](#).
- Do you have at least 10 important publications as senior author?
- For research field where publication of monographs is the norm: Do you have at least 3 major research monographs?
- Can you highlight one or more of the following benchmarks:
 - 5 granted patents
 - 10 invited presentations in well-established internationally organised conferences and advanced schools
 - 3 research expeditions led
 - Involvement in organisation as member of steering and/or organising committee of 3 well-established international conferences or congresses
 - International recognition through prizes/awards or memberships in well-regarded academies
 - Major contributions to launching the careers of outstanding researchers
 - Recognised leadership in industrial innovation
- Check the Potential of you as Principle Investigator and of your project idea against the Evaluation Criteria¹

Contacts

If you plan to apply for an ERC grant with a Swiss institution, you are invited to contact

- your Euresearch Regional Office (www.euresearch.ch/en/team-136.html)
- your ERC National Contact Persons (www.euresearch.ch/erc)

¹ Evaluation criteria cf. [ERC Work Programme 2021](#); p. 33-34