

# European Research Council (ERC) Starting/Consolidator Grants 2021 Self-Assessment Checklist

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## 1 - Are You Eligible?

- Starting Grant (StG): 2-7 post PhD<sup>1</sup>, any age, any nationality, all fields of research, project budget up to €1.5 million for a duration of 5 years
- Consolidator Grant (CoG): 7-12 post PhD<sup>1</sup>, any age, any nationality, all fields of research, project budget up to €2 million for a duration of 5 years
- PI must spend  $\geq 50\%$  (Starting Grant)/  $\geq 40\%$  (Consolidator Grant) 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 at your academic age?
- 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 one (for StG applicants) or several (for CoG applicants) important publication(s) without your PhD advisor?
- Can you demonstrate potential for research independence?
- Can you demonstrate your achievements in terms of significant publications (as main author), invited presentations, patents, awards, prizes etc.?
- Assess your potential as Principle Investigator and your project idea against the evaluation criteria<sup>2</sup>

## 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](http://www.euresearch.ch/en/team-136.html))
- your ERC National Contact Persons ([www.euresearch.ch/erc](http://www.euresearch.ch/erc))

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<sup>1</sup> Extension of eligibility time window possible in case of maternity, paternity, long illness, military service or clinical training – see p. 24 of the [ERC Work Programme 2021](#); specific eligibility rules for MDs – see Annex 2 of the [ERC Work Programme](#)

<sup>2</sup> Evaluation criteria cf. [ERC Work Programme 2021](#); p. 33-34