

Factsheet: European Research Council Consolidator Grant (ERC CoG 2025)

Who can Apply:	Applicants are expected to be promising scientists who want to consolidate their scientific independence by establishing a research team and continuing to develop a successful career in Europe.
Specific Eligibility Criteria:	Applicants have been awarded their PhD > 7 and ≤ 12 years* on 1 January in the year of the call. <i>*Extensions are possible under certain circumstances: Maternity (eligibility extended by 18 months per child), paternity (eligibility extended by paternity leave actually taken), other reasons (e.g., long-term illness, clinical training and national service).</i>
Nationality of PI:	Principal Investigators (PI) from anywhere in the world can apply
Host Institution:	Host Institution (HI) must be located in an EU Member State (MS) or Associated Country (AC) . <i>It is possible to have more than one HI under certain exceptional circumstances.</i> Currently, Switzerland has the status of a third country, but the EC has decided that Swiss-based researchers are eligible to apply for the ERC Consolidator Grant 2025.
Project Budget:	Up to EUR 2.0 million (+ up to EUR 1 million for eligible start-up costs for researchers moving from a third country to an EU MS or AC and/or for the purchase of major equipment and/or for access to large facilities and/or other major experimental and/or other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs).
Project Duration:	Up to 5 years (pro rata reduction of budget for projects of shorter duration).
Project Commitment:	Applicants are expected to devote at least 40% of their total working time to the ERC-funded project and to spend at least 50% of their total working time in an EU MS or AC.
Technology Readiness Level:	Basic science ; Fundamental concepts.
Field of Research:	Bottom-up , open to all fields of research.
Project Type:	Single PI project including funding for team members.
Project Characteristics:	Projects of ground-breaking, ambitious nature that advance the particular field of research significantly beyond the state of the art .
Portability:	Grant holder can move with the grant to any HI in an EU MS or AC.
Evaluation Criteria:	Scientific excellence of the PI and of the research project.
Evaluation Panels:	Life Sciences (LS), Social Sciences and Humanities (SH), Physical and Engineering Sciences (PE).
Success Rate:	EU: ~13.9%; CH: ~18.2% (source: erc.europa.ec)

Official ERC website: <https://erc.europa.eu/>
 How to apply: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/>
 Who to contact: Grants Office (grantsoffice@unibe.ch)