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# Webinar

## The Starting and Consolidator Grants of the European Research Council

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**Promoting European Research Council Funding Programmes worldwide**

### Background

The European Research Council (ERC) supports excellence in frontier research through a bottom-up, individual-based, worldwide competition. The ERC has a budget of €13 billion for the period 2014-2020. The Starting Grants (2-7 years after PhD) and Consolidator Grants (7-12 years after PhD) are open for highly qualified individual researchers from all thematic areas. Grants are awarded for research projects in Europe for up to five years with maximum project budgets ranging from €1.5 million to €2.75 million.

This webinar provides an overview on both funding schemes and gives advice on how to write a competitive proposal.

The European International Cooperation network for science & technology with Southeast Asia (SEA-EU-NET), in cooperation with the National Contact Point for the European Research Council in Germany and the United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) organize this webinar to inform highly qualified researchers from outside Europe on the possibilities provided by the European Research Council.

### How to participate?

This is a RSVP webinar. Please register at: <http://goo.gl/forms/GD5OTMzkkU>

You will receive the log-in details after registration.

### Starting Grants<sup>1</sup>

ERC Starting Grants aim to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish a proper research team and to start conducting independent research in Europe. The scheme targets promising researchers who have the proven potential of becoming independent research leaders. It will support the creation of excellent new research teams.

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<sup>1</sup> Description from: <http://erc.europa.eu/starting-grants>



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### ERC Starting Grants in brief:

- For researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree) and scientific track record showing great promise
- An excellent research proposal
- Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation (known as a Host Institution/Hi) located in one of the EU Member State or Associated Countries
- Funding per grant: up to € 1.5 million (in some circumstances up to € 2 million)
- Duration: up to 5 years
- Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal
- Calls for proposals: published once a year

➔ Proposal deadline in 2015: 03 February 2015

### **Consolidator Grants<sup>2</sup>**

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support researchers at the stage at which they are consolidating their own independent research team or programme. The scheme will strengthen independent and excellent new individual research teams that have been recently created.

### ERC Consolidator Grants in brief:

- For researchers of any nationality with over 7 and up to 12 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree) and scientific track record showing great promise
- An excellent research proposal
- Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation (known as a Host Institution/Hi) located in one of the EU Member State or Associated Countries
- Funding per grant: up to € 2 million (in some circumstances up to € 2.75 million)
- Duration: up to 5 years
- Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal
- Calls for proposals: published once a year

➔ Proposal deadline in 2015: 12 March 2015

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<sup>2</sup> Description from: <http://erc.europa.eu/consolidator-grants>