

ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANT

Objective: ERC Consolidator Grants boost the independent careers of excellent researchers by providing adequate support at the critical stage where they are consolidating their own independent research team or programme.

Minimum number of participants:

At least one legal entity established in a Member State, or in an Associated Country (in the case of the participation of more than one legal entity the participants are not obliged to establish a consortium agreement).

Eligibility criteria:

See eligibility criteria in the work programme section 3.3. The Principal Investigator shall have been awarded their first PhD **over 7 and up to 12 years prior to the publication date of the call for proposals of the ERC Consolidator Grant**. However, Principal Investigators who were awarded their first PhD more than 12 years prior to the publication date of the call may still be eligible in certain properly documented circumstances such as maternity.

Evaluation criteria:

Excellence is the sole criterion of evaluation. It will be applied to the evaluation of both the Principal Investigator and the research project in conjunction. For the detailed elements applying to the two parts of the proposal see section 8.4 of the work programme.

Evaluation procedure:

The evaluation will be conducted by means of a structure of high level peer review panels⁶ as listed in Annex 1. The panels may be assisted by remote referees. Principal Investigators whose proposals will be retained for step 2 of the evaluation may be invited for an interview to present their project to the evaluation panel meeting in Brussels. They will be accordingly reimbursed for their travel and subsistence expenses. See section 8.2 and Annex 10 of the work programme.

Grant starting date:

Due to the ground-breaking nature of frontier research projects, it is expected that all projects start within 6 months from the award of the grant. ERC reserves the right to cancel a grant if the proposed start date goes beyond this limit.

Information on the modalities of the call and guidance to applicants on how to submit projects is available on: <http://erc.europa.eu>
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal>

Deadline: 21 February 2013, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

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