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UK Research Office



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- Mission to facilitate effective UK participation in EU research, innovation and HE programmes
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- Research Council policy work
- Brussels liaison
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What is the ERC?

What is the European Research Council (ERC)?

- New pan-European funding organisation
- Supports the best in Europe - scientists, engineers and scholars
- Funding of €7.51 billion (2007-13)
- Designed by the ERC Scientific Council...
...and run by the ERC Executive Agency

What are the aims of the ERC?

- Encourage highest quality research in Europe
- Competitive, flexible funding
- Retain, repatriate and recruit (career support)

What are the ERC Grant Schemes?

- Starting Grants and Advanced Grants
 - Support for a PI and (if necessary) team-members
 - Investigator-initiated frontier research across all fields of research, on the basis of scientific excellence
- The ERC also has calls for tender for studies on the ERC itself

Key Points for ERC Grants

- **Support for a PI and (if necessary) team-members**
 - **No need for collaboration or to work with other countries**
 - Team all usually based at the same institution (in EU/AC)...
but possible to have team members in other organisations if strongly justified (anywhere in World - not just EU, AC and ICPC)
 - Advanced Grants can have a Co-I (must be from a different discipline to the PI)
 - No nationality or mobility requirements
- **Investigator driven (bottom-up) substantial advances “Frontier Research”**
- **Excellence is only peer review criterion**
 - 50% for the PI (and any Co-Is)
must have an outstanding cv, (potential) leadership profile & track record
 - 50% for the Research Project

ERC Grant Schemes

Starting Independent Researcher Grants

- aims to provide **critical** and adequate support to the independent careers of excellent researchers
- who are at the stage of **starting or consolidating** their own independent research team or, depending on field, their independent research programme
- researchers applying for an ERC Starting Grant **must be able to demonstrate their potential to become independent research leaders**

- Now ~50% of Annual ERC Call Budget
- Annual calls: open late spring and close in autumn
- Grants of up to €2 million over 5 yrs (normally €1.5 million)

ERC Grant Schemes

Advanced Investigator Grants

- aims to encourage and support **excellent, innovative and investigator-initiated** research projects
 - by **leading advanced investigators**
 - complements the ERC Starting Grant scheme by targeting researchers who have already established themselves as being independent research leaders in their own right
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Marie Curie Actions

Objectives and Policy Context:

- Make Europe more attractive to researchers
- Structuring effect on the European Research Area through transnational and intersectoral mobility in order to create a European labour market for researchers
- Strengthen human potential by:
 - Encouraging people to become researchers
 - Encouraging researchers to carry out their research in Europe
- Trans-national and inter-sectoral mobility
- €4.7 Billion

Marie Curie Actions

Overview: Marie Curie Actions



Host Actions	Individual Actions
Initial Training Networks (ITN)	Intra-European Fellowships
Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)	Incoming International Fellowships
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)	Outgoing International Fellowships
	European Reintegration Grants
	International Reintegration Grants

+ Co-Fund, *Researchers Night*

Further Information and Support

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UKRO's Services

'Core' subscriber services	Open to non-subscribers
Query service	(Majority of) training courses and information events
Annual briefing visits (for UK subscribers)	Annual Conference
E-mail updates (& searchable database) ims.ukro.ac.uk	Marie Curie Actions UK National Contact Point
Subscriber website www.ukro.ac.uk/subscriber_services	European Research Council UK National Contact Point
Meeting room in Brussels	British Council <i>European RTD Insight</i> publication

European Research Council National Contact Point helpdesk



- **Website** <http://www.ukro.ac.uk/erc>
- **ERC mailing list** for events and key updates
http://www.ukro.ac.uk/erc/events_ukro/events_alerts.htm
- **Helpdesk** via email and telephone
(erc-uk@bbsrc.ac.uk or 0032 2289 6121)
 - Advice on applying for ERC actions
 - Eligibility
 - Application help
 - Results
 - Contractual issues
 - Advice to those with ERC grants
- Specialist **training** courses and information events

Further Information

- **ERC Website**

- <http://erc.europa.eu>
- ERC Newsletter
- <http://erc.europa.eu/index.cfm?fuseaction=reg.edit#01>
- ERC Europa Helpdesk
- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=enquiries>

- **UKRO Information Services (email updates)**

(For UKRO subscribers, covering all FP7 and beyond)

- <http://ims.ukro.ac.uk>

Marie Curie National Contact Point Helpdesk



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