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Vienna University of Technology

ERC Starting & Consolidator Grant 2019 in Horizon 2020

Formal Application Criteria and Budget Calculation

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Scope

- Support of **excellent Principal Investigators (PIs)** at the career stage at which they are **starting / consolidating their own independent research team or programme**.

- Support of **projects**, which are carried out by (**individual (trans-)national research teams headed by) a single PI** of any nationality from anywhere in the world at a host organisation in **MS/AC**.

- **Research project** is expected to be implemented within the territory of a **MS or AC.** This does **not exclude field work or other research activities** in cases where these must necessarily be conducted **outside a MS or AC** in order to achieve the scientific objectives of the project/activity.

Research Topic (bottom-up approach)

- Any field of research with **particular emphasis on the frontiers of science, scholarship and engineering**.

- In particular, proposals of an **interdisciplinary nature**, which cross the boundaries between different fields of research, **pioneering** proposals addressing **new** and **emerging fields of research** or proposals introducing **unconventional, innovative approaches** and scientific inventions are encouraged.

- **Not** within the scope of Annex I of the Euratom Treaty directed towards nuclear energy.

- **Ground-breaking nature, high-risk/high-gain, ambition and feasibility** of the scientific proposal

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 1/7

Reference date

- The **date of the actual award of the first PhD** (or equivalent doctoral degree) according to the national rules in the country where the degree was awarded)
  - **StG:** > 2 and ≤7 years prior to 1 January 2019
  - **CoG:** >7 and ≤12 years prior to 1 January 2019

Cut-off date

- **StG:** PhD awarded from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016 (inclusive)
- **CoG:** PhD awarded from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011 (inclusive)

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 2/7

Research independence and maturity

- Already shown (the potential for - StG) **research independence** and **evidence of maturity**

- **Important publications** without the participation of their PhD supervisor
  StG: at least one; **CoG**: several

- **Promising track record of early achievements** appropriate to their research field and career stage (Part B1.b)

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 3/7

Time commitment

- min. 50 % of their total working time in MS or AC (StG, CoG)
- min. 50 % of their total working time on the ERC project (StG)
- min. 40 % of their total working time on the ERC project (CoG)

In practise

- 70 - 80% of their total working time on the ERC project (StG)
- 50 - 70% of their total working time on the ERC project (CoG)

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 4/7

Reduction of the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD

- For **maternity** by 18 months or by the actual of maternity leave taken for each child born before or after the PhD award.

- For **paternity** by the actual amount of paternity leave taken for each child born before or after the PhD award.

- For **long-term illnesses** (over ninety days for the PI or a close family member - child, spouse, parent or sibling), clinical training or **national service** by the document amount of leave actually taken by the PI for each incident which occurred after the PhD award.

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 5/7

Restrictions on (re-)submission of proposals (1/2)

- A PI whose proposal is evaluated as **category B at step 1** in the Starting or Consolidator Grant calls 2018 may not submit a proposal to the Starting or Consolidator Grant calls 2019.

- A PI whose proposal is evaluated as **category C** in the Starting or Consolidator Grant calls 2017 or 2018 may not submit a proposal to the Starting or Consolidator Grant calls 2019.

- A researcher may participate as PI in only **one ERC frontier research project** at any one time

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 6/7

Restrictions on (re-)submission of proposals (2/2)

- A PI whose proposal was rejected on the grounds of a **breach of research integrity** in the calls for proposals under Work Programme 2017 or 2018 may not submit a proposal to the calls for proposals made under Work Programme 2019.

- A researcher **participating as PI** in an ERC frontier research project may not submit a **proposal for another ERC frontier research grant, unless** the existing project ends no more than two years after the call deadline.

- A PI who is a serving **Panel Member for a 2019 ERC call or** who served as a Panel Member for a **2017** ERC call may not apply to a **2019 ERC call for the same type of grant**.

Principal Investigator - Eligibility Criteria 7/7

No restriction apply

- A PI whose proposal was evaluated as **category A** in the StG or CoG Grant call for proposals under Work Programme 2018 may submit a proposal to the StG or CoG calls for proposals made under Work Programme 2019.

- A PI whose proposal is evaluated as **category B at step 2** in the StG or CoG calls for proposals under Wprk Programme 2018 may submit a proposal to the StG or CoG calls for proposal made under Work Programme 2019.

Host Organisation - Eligibility Criteria 1/3

- Established in an **EU Member State (MS)** or an **Associated Country (AC)** as a legal entity created under national law, or it may be an International European Interest Organisation, The European Commission´s Joint Research Centre (JRC) or any other entity created under EU law

- **Any type of legal entity, public or private**, including universities, research organisations and undertakings can host PIs and their teams

- **Engagement of the PI** for at least the duration of the project

Host Organisation - Eligibility Criteria 2/3

- **Commitment** to offer appropriate conditions for the PI to independently manage the ERC funded research and **must ensure** that the PI is able to:

  - **Apply for funding independently**
  - **Manage the research and the funding** for the project and make appropriate resource allocation decisions
  - **Publish independently** as senior author and include as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work
  - **Supervise** team members, including research students, doctoral students or others
  - Have **access to appropriate space and facilities** for conducting the research

Host Organisation - Eligibility Criteria 3/3

Further host institutions and their funding

- It is expected that the host institution will be the **only participating legal entity**.

- However, where they bring **scientific added value** to the project, **additional team members** may be hosted by additional legal entities which will be eligible for funding, and which may be legal entities established anywhere, including outside the EU or Associated Countries, or international organisations.

- **Legal entitities** established **outside the EU or Associated Countries** shall be **eligible for funding** provided that their participation is deemed **essential for carrying out the action**.

Part A - Administrative Forms 1/4

1 - General information

- the **research proposal, including** an **abstract** of the project proposal
- the **chosen ERC panel** for evaluation and
- **Declarations** related to the proposal and the participation in H2020

- The PI must indicate the **most relevant ERC panel** for evaluation of his/her proposal and choose **one or more ERC keywords** related to the research fields

- In the case of **interdisciplinary proposals** the PI has indicated a "secondary evaluation panel".

Part A - Administrative Forms 2/4

2 - Administrative data of participating organisations and PI

- **PIC of the Technische Universität Wien**:
  999979888
- **Contact person of the Host Institution**:
  Person of the institute nominated in accordance with the Head of Institute

3 - Budget

- given in **whole Euros (integer)**, not thousands of Euros
- **corresponding** exactly to part B.2c.

Part A - Administrative Forms 3/4

4 - Ethics

- **Has to be completed** even if there are no issues
  (simply confirm that none of the ethical issues apply to the proposal)

- In case of **YES** to any of the questions:
  Ethics Self-Assessment and **additional ethics documentation**

Part A - Administrative Forms 4/4

Section 5 - Call specific questions

- the **academic training** of the PI,
- **declarations related to eligibility** and
- **permission statements on data-related questions** (the data-related consents are entirely voluntary)
- Applicants will also be asked whether a **proposal was previously submitted to the ERC**, and in case of affirmative answer the applicant will be asked to specify the **details of the most recent application**

Possible request for **exclusion of up to three reviewers**

Part B - Research Proposal

- Consists of **Part B1** and **Part B2**
- **Mandatory templates** provided in the Submission Service System (PPSS)
- The Research Proposal (Part B1 and B2) and all supporting documentation should be uploaded and submitted via PPSS as **PDF files**.
- Make sure all **file names** contain the “Proposal Short Name”, such as PartB1_(Proposal-Short-Name).pdf and PhD_(Proposal-Short-Name).pdf

Part B1. Research Proposal and the PI 1/3

- The panel members will **only** evaluate **part B1 at step 1 of the evaluation**.
- The panel members are **generalists** whose expertise will have to cover a **wide range of proposals** within a research field.
- For this reason you should ensure that **part B1 is as complete** and **detailed** as possible.
- PIs should pay attention to the **extended synopsis** (part B.1.a) and should not consider it as simply complementing part B2.
- It is important that the **extended synopsis** contains all essential information including the **feasibility** of the scientific proposal.

Part B1. Research Proposal and the PI 2/3

Cover page

a. **Extended Synopsis of the Scientific Proposal** (max. 5 pages)

b. **Curriculum vitae** (max. 2 pages)

c. **Early achievements track-record** (max. 2 pages)

Part B1. Research Proposal and the PI 3/3

Cover page

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Name of the PI´s host institution for the project
- Proposal full title
- Proposal short name
- Proposal duration in months
- Proposal abstract
  1/2 page, must be a copy/paste of proposal abstract (part A.1)

For inter-disciplinary /cross-panel proposals:
Please indicate the additional ERC review panel(s) and explain why the proposal needs to be considered by more than one panel.

Part B1.a Extended Synopsis of the Scientific Proposal

- **Concise presentation of the scientific proposal**, with particular attention to the **ground-breaking nature** of the research project and the **feasibility** of the outlined scientific approach

- **Description the proposed work** in the context of the state of the art of the field.

- **References to literature** included in a **reference style** commonly used in your discipline (do not count towards the page limit)

Part B1.a Extended Synopsis vs. Evaluation Criteria

1. Research Project

Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy

Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?

To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)?

To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain (i.e. if successful the payoffs will be very significant, but there is a higher-than-normal risk that the research project does not entirely fulfil its aims)?

Scientific Approach

To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high risk/high gain (based on the Extended Synopsis)?

Part B1.b Curriculum Vitae

- **Standard academic and research record** included
  a suggested outline in the Part B1 template

- The **structure of the CV may be modified**

- Any **research career gaps and/or unconventional paths** clearly explained

- The **Funding ID of all ongoing and submitted grants and funding of the PI**
  - a table format in the part B.1. template
  - does not count towards page limits

Part B1.c Early achievement track-record 1/2

- List your **important achievements**

- Including your **most important publications**
  - **StG:** Up to five
  - **CoG:** Up to ten

  Highlighting those as **main author** and/or without the **co-authorship of your PhD supervisor**

  Properly referenced, including **all authors** in the published order

Part B1.c Early achievement track-record 2/2

- list of achievements reflecting the track record

1. **Publications** in **major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals** and/or in the **leading international peer-reviewed journals, peer-reviewed conferences proceedings** and/or **monographs** of their respective research fields, listing **up to five (StG)** or **up to ten (CoG)** representative publications, those as main author or without the presence as co-author of their PhD supervisor, and the number of citations (excluding self-citations) they have attracted (if applicable).
2. **Research monographs** and any translations thereof (if applicable)
3. **Granted patent(s)** (if applicable)
4. **Invited presentations** to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools (if applicable)
5. **Prizes, Awards, Academy memberships** (if applicable)

Part B1.c EATR vs. Evaluation Criteria

2. Principal Investigator

Intellectual capacity and creativity

Starting and Consolidator

To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative independent thinking?

To what extent does the PI have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

Part B.2 The Scientific Proposal 1/2

max. 15 pages, references do not count towards the page limit

a. State-of-the-Art
b. Methodology
c. Ressources (including project costs)

- To be **evaluated at step 2 only**

- In addition to the panel members (who act as „**generalists**“), the ERC evalutions rely on input from **remote referees** (who bring in the necessary **specialised expertise**).
- Remote referees deliver their **individual assessments by electronic means** and do not participate in panel meetings.

Part B.2 The Scientific Proposal 2/2

- Description of **the scientific, technical,** and/or **scholarly aspects of the project more in detail** demonstrating the **ground-breaking nature** of the research, its **potential impact** and **research methodology**.

- The **fraction of the applicant´s research effort** that will be **devoted to this project** and a **full estimation of the real project costs** also need to be indicated.

- You should **avoid a repetition of the extended synopsis in Part B1**.
  At step 2 of the evaluation process Part B2 is evaluated together with Part B1.

- **References to literature** do not count towards the page limit

Part B2.a State of the Art and Objective

- Specify the **objectives of the proposal**, in the **context of the state of the art** in the research field.

- When describing the envisaged research it should be clear **how** and **why** the proposed **work** is **important for the field**, and what **impact** it will have if successful, such as how it may open up **new horizons** or **opportunities** for science, technology or scholarship.

- Specify any **particularly challenging** or **unconventional aspects** of the proposal, including **multi -** or **interdisciplinary aspects**.

Part B2.a State of the Art and Objectives vs. Evaluation Criteria

1. Research Project

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Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy

Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

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To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain (i.e. if successful the payoffs will be very significant, but there is a higher-than-normal risk that the research project does not entirely fulfil its aims)?

Part B2.b Methodology

- Describe the proposed **methodology in detail** including **any key intermediate goals**.

- **Explain** and **justify the methodology in relation to** the **state-of-the-art**, and **particularly novel** or **unconventional aspects addressing "high-risk/high-gain" balance**.

- Highlight any **intermediate stages** where **results may require adjustments to the project planning.**

- In case of **team members engaged by another host institution**: their participation has to be fully **justified by emphasizing** the scientific added value they bring to the project.

Part B2.b Methodology vs. Evaluation Criteria

To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain (i.e. if successful the payoffs will be very significant, but there is a higher-than-normal risk that the research project does not entirely fulfil its aims)?

Scientific Approach

To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high risk/high gain (based on the Extended Synopsis)?

To what extent are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

To what extent are the proposed timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate and properly justified (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

Part B2.c Ressources 1/4

- Use of the **budget table template** strongly recommended

- State the amount of funding considered **necessary to fulfil the research objectives**. The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. The requested budget should be **fully justified** and in proportion to the actual needs.

- Specify **your commitment to the project** and how **much time you are willing to devote to the proposed project**.

- When **estimating your personnel costs** take into account the **dedicated working time to run the project**.

Part B2.c Ressources 2/4

- Describe the **size and nature of the team**, indicating, where appropriate, the key team members and their roles, e.g.
  - PI:
  - Postdoc 1: will work on WP1 and must have a background in…
  - Postdoc 2: will work on WP2 and must have a background in…
  - PhD 1. will work on … and can have a backgraound in… or in …
  - Other like experts need to be explained as well

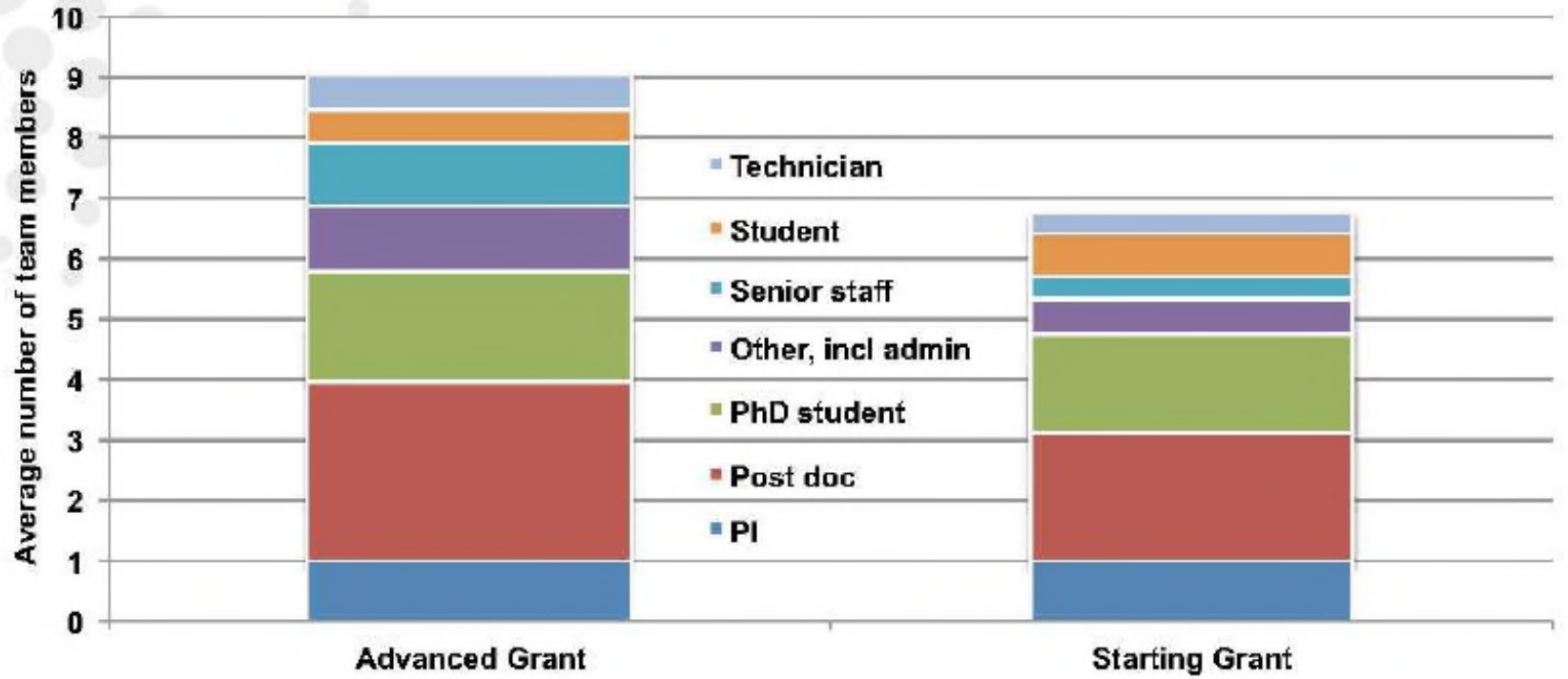
  Pay attention to gender balance.

- The **participation of team members engaged by other host institutions** should be **justified** in relation to the additional financial cost this may impose.

Team composition AdG and StG/CoG

ERC Sample 2013 covering 1000 funded ERC projects:
StG/CoG PI employs around 5-6 team members

Figure 3.10: **Composition of ERC project teams**



Team composition

Great variety across projects

Team composition depends on Domain, Panel and Country:

- Life Sciences largest teams;
- Physical Sciences and Engineering slightly smaller; and
- Social Sciences and Humanities smallest teams

On average per stream:

- StG teams PI + 5- 6 team members: 2 Postdoc, 1-2 PhDs, Graduate Student or support
- AdG teams, PI + 8 team members: 3 Postdoc, 2 PhD, 1 Senior staff member, 1 support

Part B2.c Ressources 2/4

- Specify **any existing resources** that will contribute to the project.
- Describe **other necessary resources, such as infrastructure** and **equipment**.
  - Depreciation and percentage of use
- Include a **short technical description** of the requested equipment, why you need it and how much you plan to use it for the project.

Part B2.c Ressources 3/4

- Include a **realistic estimation** of the **costs for Open Access** to the project outputs.

- **Costs for providing immediate Open Access to publications** (article processing charges/book processing charges) are **eligible** if they are **incurred during** the **lifetime of** the **project**.

Open Access to Scientific Publications

ERC Model Grant Agreement, Art. 29.2

"The beneficiary must ensure open access (free of charge, online access to any user) to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to its results."

Open Access at TU Wien (Library)

Publisher Contract (Gold Open Access)

- Licensing agreements of TU Library with exclusive publishers
- TU Library bear the costs
- For TU staff only
- Open access publication included in licensing

Publication Fund (Gold Open Access)

Funding of single articles - Pre-conditions

- TU staff
- Publication in an open access journal
- Costs not yet funded by other means
- Charges of publication ≤ EUR 2.000

Open Access at TU Wien (Library)

TU Repositorium (Green Open Access)

- Self-archieving
- After blocking period
- Long- term archiving (free of charge)
- Citable link (URN
- To be found world wide

Further information:

www.http://ub.tuwien.ac.at/publizieren

http://repositorium.tuwien.ac.at

Part B2.c Ressources 4/4

- **If additional funding (StG: € 500.000 und CoG: € 750.000) is requested** for
  - covering eligible “start-up” costs for a PI moving from another country to the EU or an Associated Country as consequence of receiving an ERC grant and/or
  - the purchase of major equipment and/or
  - access to large facilities,

  this also needs to be fully justified and

  it should be listed in cost category “C2. Other Direct Costs with no overheads”.

Funding

- **Up to a maximum of € 1.500.000 (StG) / € 2.000.000 (CoG) for a period of 5 years** (pro rata for projects of shorter duration).

- **Up to an additional € 500.000 (StG) / € 750.000 (CoG) can be requested in the proposal to cover**
  a. eligible "start-up" costs for PIs moving to a MS or AC from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant
  b. and/or the purchase of major equipment and/or
  c. access to large facilities.
  As any additional funding is to cover major one-off costs it is not subject to pro-rata reduction for projects of shorter duration.

- **up to 100% of the total eligible and approved direct costs and of flat-rate financing of indirect costs on the basis of 25% of the total eligible direct costs** (excl. direct costs for subcontracting / costs of resources made available by third parties not used on the premises of the host institution).

Funding - Direct Costs

Direct costs are costs that are directly linked to the action implementation and can therefore be attributed to it directly, such as:

- Personnel costs
- Costs for subcontracting
- Other direct costs such as
  - Travel costs and related subsistence allowances
  - Depreciation costs for equipment
  - Costs for other goods and services (consumables and supplies; dissemination (including open access), protection of results; certificates on the financial statements, translations and publications)
  - Costs for large research infrastructures

Funding - Indirect Costs

Indirect costs cannot be identified as directly attributable to the project, but which are incurred in direct relationship with the project´s direct eligible costs, such as:

- Costs related to general administration and management
- Costs of office or laboratory space, including rent or depreciation of buildings and equipment, and related expenditure such as water, heating, electricity
- Maintenance, insurance and safety costs
- Communication expenses, network connection charges, postal charges and office supplies
- Common office equipment such as PCs , laptops, office software
- Miscellaneous recurring consumables
- 25% of the total eligible direct costs

Non-eligible Costs

- Costs related to return on capital
- Debt and debt service charges
- Provisions for possible future losses or debts
- Interest owed
- Doubtful debts
- Currency exchange losses
- Bank costs charged by the beneficiary´s bank for transfer from the Agency
- Excessive or reckless expenditure
- Deductibe VAT
- Costs reimbursed under another EU grant

Part B - The supporting documentation

- The **host institution support letter** (template available on PPSS) should be printed on paper with the official letterhead of the Host Institution, orginally signed, stamped and dated by the institution´s legal representative.

- The documents proving the **eligibility of the PI for the grant**, i.e. the PhD certificate clearly indicating the date of award and, **in case of an extension of the eligibility period** has been requested, the relevant documentary evidence.

- **Any additional supporting documents** (i.e. ethic self-assessment and supporting documentation for the ethics review procedure)

- Copies of official documents can be submitted in **any of the EU official languages**. Document(s) in any other language must be provided together will a certified translation into English.

Host Commitment Letter

TU internal procedure to receive the host institution support letter

1.PI sends an e-mail with following documents to the European and International Research Support (EIRS) (siegfried.huemer@tuwien.ac.at, cc: ann-christin.kehrberg@tuwien.ac.at)

- formless supporting letter of the Head of Institute
- budget calculation sheet
- pre-filled template of the Commitment of the Host Institution letter

Deadline: 2 weeks before the submission deadline
(StG: 3.10.18; CoG: 22.01.19)

2.EIRS checks the documents and sents them to the Vice Rector Fröhlich

3.Vice Rector Fröhlich signs the commitment on offical paper and it will be sent electronically / by mail to the PI

Part B - Layout

Mandatory parameters for the layout of part B:

- Page format: A4
- Font Type: Times New Roman, Arial or similar
- Font Size: at least 11
- Line Spading: single
- Margins: 2 cm side; 1,5 bottom
- Each proposal page shall carry a header presenting the PI´s last name, the acronym of the proposal, and the reference to the respective proposal section (Part B1 or Part B2).

Part B - Clarity

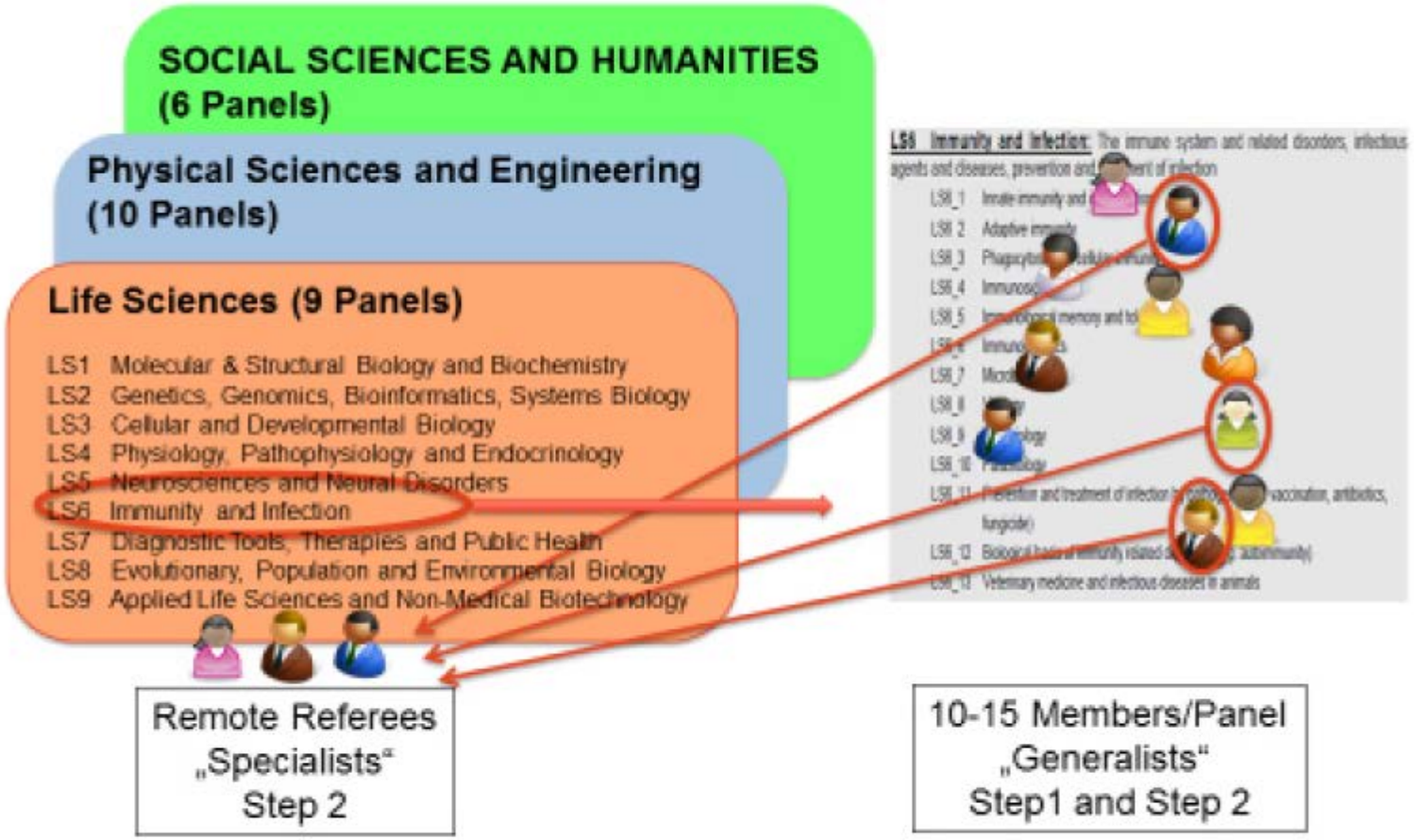
- well understandable

- precise wording and descriptions
- clear definitions
- concrete examples
- ERC vocabulary

- „reader-friendly“ layout
  - sufficient spaces
  - highlighting key messages (text boxes with short summaries, bullet points, balanced use of bold fonts)
  - High quality figures
  - time tables, Gantt charts, etc.

Evaluation 1/4

EVALUATION: PANEL MEMBERS AND REMOTE REFEREES



list of previous panel members: http://erc.europa.eu/evaluation-panels 11

(FFG 2014)

Evaluation 2/4

Step 1 by generalists (part B1 a-c)

1.Individual assessment

3 - 4 panel members read the whole part,
the remaining panel members only the abstract

2.Panel meeting (discussion) and panel ranking

A: sufficient quality to pass to step 2

B: high quality but not enough to pass to step 2

C: not sufficient quality to pass to step 2

Evaluation 3/4

Step 2 by generalists and experts (part B1 & B2)

1.Individual assessment

4 - 6 panel members (old and new ones) and 2 - 3 external referees

2.Interview in Brussels

3.Panel meeting without experts (discussion)

4.Final panel ranking by the panel members

A: fully meets ERC´s excellence criterion and recommended for funding if sufficient funds are available

B: meets some but not all elements of ERC´s excellence criterion and will not be funded

Evaluation 4/4

Evaluator´s opinion after few minutes of reading

- What is the **problem / the research challenge**?
- Why is the problem **important**?
- Why was the problem **not solved until now**?

- What is the **new idea/approach**?
- Is this **groundbreaking research**?

- What are the **concrete research objectives**?

- Is this **PI likely to succeed** with the project?

Evaluation Criteria 1/4

Scientific excellence is the **sole criterion** of evaluation and will be **applied to** the evaluation of **both**:

1. Research Project - Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

i.Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

ii.Scientific Approach

2. Principal Investigator - Intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment

i.Intellectual capacity and creativity

ii.Commitment

Evaluation Criteria 2/4

1. Research Project - Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

i.Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

- To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?
- To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approached or development across disciplines)?
- To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain?

Evaluation Criteria 3/4

1. Research Project - Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

ii.Scientific Approach

•To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high risk/high gain (based on the Extented Synopsis)?

•To what extent is the proposed research methodology appropriate and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

•To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

•To what extent are the proposed timescales and resources and PI commitment adequate and properly justified (based on the full Scientific Proposal)?

Evaluation Criteria 4/4

2. Principal Investigator - Intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment

i.Intellectual capacity and creativity

- To what extent has the PI demonstrated the conduct ground-breaking research?
- To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative independent thinking?
- To what extent have the PI required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

ii.Commitment: To what extent does the PI demonstrate the level of commit-ment to the project necessary for its execution and the willingness to devote a significant amount of time to it.

Electronical Submission 1/6

Step 1: EU Login registration - Getting a user ID with the Commission

- mandatory in order to be able to use the proposal submission

Step 2: Access the proposal submission system

- access to the system is provided from the topic´s page after selecting the "Submission Service" and choosing the required action type.

Electronical Submission 2/6

Step 3: Create a draft proposal (pre-registration) 1/2

- Filled in pre-registration data for the proposal will be used by the ERCEA in order to plan the evaluation

- No access to this page again after its completion and progression to Step 4 (but certain data can be modified at a later stage)

- Careful choice of the correct PIC-number of the host institution and e-mail address of the Principal Investigator

Electronical Submission 3/6

Step 3: Create a draft proposal (pre-registration) 2/2

- Creation of the draft proposal by the PI recommended.
  The person who creates the proposal becomes the primary coordinator contact and determines the access rights of other people to the proposal.

- Short summary information is copied to the abstract field in Part A - section 1, where it can be modified (see step 5)

- Choosen ERC Review Panel can be later modified in Part A - section 1

Electronical Submission 4/6

Step 4: manage Your Related parties and Access Rights

- Addition of additional organisations and access to other contact persons (full access or read-only rights)
- Recommendation: “read-only access” to partner / collaborator contacts
- Details of the PI and the main host institution contact person, are not-editable in the forms
- Possible return to step 4 at any point of the submission to add or delete any contact person or to change the access rights. Save your data before leaving step 4. Once the coordinator saves the changes, an automatic invitation is sent to all contacts´ e-mail addresses.

Electronical Submission 5/6

Step 5. Edit proposal

- From this step you can edit the administrative forms, view the history, print the draft proposal, download templates, upload files and submit the proposal by clicking on the relevant button.

- Please use the functionality “Validate form” button to check the validity and completeness of your data.

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Step 6: Submit

- Reaching this step means that the proposal is submitted.

- You can download the proposal, re-edit the proposal, going back to step 5, continue to modify the proposal and submit revised versions overwriting the pervious one right up until the deadline and withdraw/delete the proposal before the call deadline

Links

ERC Starting Grant Call (description, documents, submission service)
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/erc-2019-stg.html

Participant Portal Submission Service Desk (+32 (2) 29 92222)
DIGIT-EFP7
-SEPSUPPORT@ec.europa.eu

ERC Homepage
http://erc.europa.eu/

National Contact ERC
https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/erc

ERC funded projects
https://erc.europa.eu/projects-figures/erc-funded-projects

Previous ERC Panel Members
https://erc.europa.eu/document-category/evaluation-panels

EUFS-Homepage (Factsheets, Checklisten, Budgetkalkulationstabellen, etc.)
http://www.tuwien.ac.at/dle/eufs/erc/

Indicative Information – time table

	ERC Starting Grant 2019	Consolidator Grant 2019
Call Identifier	ERC-2019-StG	ERC-2019-CoG
Call opening	14/09/2018	24/10/2018
Call closure	17/10/2018	07/02/2019
Budget million EUR (estimated no. of grants)	580 (390)	602 (314)
Planned dates to inform applicants	22/05/2019 28/08/2019	23/07/2019 18/12/2019
Indicative date for signature of grant agreement	05/01/2020	26/04/2020

Submission Deadlines

ERC-2019-StG: 17 October 2018, 17:00.00 (Brussels local time)

ERC-2019-CoG: 7 February 2019, 17:00.00 (Brussels local time)

FFG - ERC Proposal Reading Day, 25 September 13:00-16:00h

https://www.ffg.at/europa/veranstaltungen/ERC_PRD_25-09-2018

Deadline for the submission of the requested documents to the EIFS for the TU Wien Host Commitment Letter:

Starting Grant: 03.10.2018

Consolidator Grant: 22.01.2019

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