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How to apply for an ERC Grant – Information for researchers from Brazil

The European Research Council (ERC) provides funding opportunities for excellent researchers and their teams regardless of their nationality and current place of work. Researchers from any field can compete for the grants that support groundbreaking projects. The sole criterion for selection is scientific excellence.

What kinds of grants are available?

The ERC annually launches calls for proposals for four funding schemes:

- ❖ **Starting Grants**, open to researchers between 2 and 7 years after PhD, maximum funding: 2 million euros.
 - ❖ **Consolidator Grants**, open to researchers between 7 and 12 years after PhD, maximum funding: 2.75 million euros.
 - ❖ **Advanced Grants**, open to established researchers with at least 10 years of significant research achievements, maximum funding: 3.5 million euros.
 - ❖ **Synergy Grants** for groups of 2 to 4 researchers and their teams up to 10 million euro for a maximum of six years.
- The maximum period of funding for Starting Grants, Consolidator Grants and Advanced Grants is five years.

Who can apply?

What you need for your application is:

- ❖ an innovative idea for a research project at the frontiers of science,
- ❖ an excellent scientific track record (publications and other achievements)
- ❖ a host institution in Europe (any research performing organization, i.e. universities, research organizations or private companies).

What kind of research will be funded?

Projects of innovative and groundbreaking nature in all fields of research (including Social Sciences and Humanities),

- ❖ No pre-defined thematic areas or topics ("bottom up"),
- ❖ Scientific excellence (of the scientist and the project idea) is the sole criterion for project selection

Who provides further information?

- ❖ **ERC National Contact Point Brazil:** <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/national-contact-points/brazil>
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- ❖ **Participant Portal:** <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/national-contact-points>
- ❖ **Euraxess Brazil:** https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/domains/brazil/focus_erc.pdf

Not yet ready for your own application?

- ❖ **ERC – CONFAP Call 2018:** <http://confap.org.br/news/erc-%20confap-cnpq-call-2018/>
- ❖ **EURAXESS:** <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/brazil>

In a nutshell: How to get ready

- ✓ Have a groundbreaking idea for an excellent ERC project.
- ✓ Check if you are eligible to apply for an ERC grant.
- ✓ Get in touch with your future host institution in Europe or ask the National Contact Point.



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