



Deadline	<b>Tue 22 Jan 2019 17:00 Brussels time (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>
Call name	<b>ERC Proof of Concept Grant 2019-1</b>
www	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/erc-2019-poc.html">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/erc-2019-poc.html</a> <a href="https://erc.europa.eu/funding/proof-concept">https://erc.europa.eu/funding/proof-concept</a>
Focused on	Verification of innovation potential, commercial or societal applications of ideas during the pre-demonstration phase.
PI	ERC Grant holder of project that is ongoing or has ended less than 12 months before Mon 01 Jan 2019
Eligible organisation	One institution established in an EU Member State or Associated Country: any type of legal entity: research organisation / public higher education institution / private law subject
Target group	Individual research teams headed by a single PI
Expected outputs	Commercialisation of innovations through licenses to a new or existing company or through a venture funded start-up
Call opens	Tue 16 Oct 2018
IOCB deadline	<b>Fri 18 Jan 2019 (1<sup>st</sup>), Mon 22 Apr 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mon 16 Sep 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>
Final deadline	<b>Tue 22 Jan 2019 17:00 Brussels time (1<sup>st</sup>)</b> <b>Thu 25 Apr 2019 17:00 Brussels time (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b> <b>Thu 19 Sep 2019 17:00 Brussels time (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>
Evaluation results	Thu 02 May 2019 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Thu 25 Jul 2019 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Wed 18 Dec 2019 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Signature of agreement	Mon 09 Sep 2019 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Mon 02 Dec 2019 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Sun 26 Apr 2020 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Earliest date of implementation	NA
Latest date of implementation	NA
Sustainability	None
Reporting	One report every 18 months (1.5 year)
Project duration (min-max)	<b>12–18 months (1.5 year)</b> (12-month project + 6-month integrated extension)
Allocation for the call	25 M EUR (167 projects in 2019)
Project budget (min-max)	<b>150 000 EUR</b> lump sum
Success rate	<b>35%</b> (2017-1: 41.13%, 2017-2: 36.69%, 2017-3: 19.33%, 2018-1: 42.02%, 2018-2: 37.88%)
Eligible costs	Direct costs: personnel costs, travel expenses, equipment, goods & services, open access, outsourcing (subcontracting), indirect costs: overheads (max 25% of direct costs) The funding will cover activities at the very early stage of turning research outputs into a commercial or socially valuable proposition, i.e. the initial steps of pre-competitive development. > establishing viability, technical issues and overall direction > clarifying IPR position and strategy > providing feedback for budgeting and other forms of commercial discussion > providing connections to later stage funding > covering initial expenses for establishing a company
Reimbursement	<b>100 %</b>
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	European Research Council, <a href="https://erc.europa.eu/">https://erc.europa.eu/</a> , <a href="mailto:ERC-PoC-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu">ERC-PoC-APPLICANTS@ec.europa.eu</a> , <a href="mailto:ERC-ETHICS-REVIEW@ec.europa.eu">ERC-ETHICS-REVIEW@ec.europa.eu</a> , <a href="mailto:ERC-OPEN-ACCESS@ec.europa.eu">ERC-OPEN-ACCESS@ec.europa.eu</a> NCP: Technology Centre CAS, <a href="http://www.tc.cz">www.tc.cz</a> , Zuzana Čapková, <a href="mailto:capkova@tc.cz">capkova@tc.cz</a> , +420 234 006 161
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Call info	The ERC Proof of Concept Grants aim to maximise the value of the excellent research that the ERC funds, by funding further work to verify the innovation potential of ideas arising from ERC funded projects. The objective is to provide funds to enable ERC-funded ideas to be brought to a pre-demonstration stage where potential commercialisation or societal opportunities have been identified. Innovations can be commercialised through licenses to a new or existing company or through a venture funded start-up, depending on the nature of the invention/idea, its potential markets, and the inventor's plans for future involvement in the commercialisation. Innovations can also feed into ventures aimed at addressing social and environmental goals including by social entrepreneurs and the voluntary and not-for-profit sectors.
Conditions / Restrictions	<p>The PI has to be ERC Grant holder of project that is ongoing or has ended less than 12 months before Mon 01 Jan 2019.</p> <p>The PI has to demonstrate the relation between the idea to be taken to proof of concept and the ERC frontier research project (Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy) in question.</p> <p>The PI may submit only one proposal under WP2019.</p> <p>The PI can submit the PoC proposal with a different HI than the one where the ERC Frontier Research Grant is being currently implemented.</p> <p>The PI whose proposal was rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity in the calls for proposals under WP 2017 or 2018 may not submit a proposal to the calls under WP 2019.</p> <p>More than one Proof of Concept Grant may be awarded per ERC funded frontier research project, but only one Proof of Concept project may be running at any one time for the same ERC frontier research project.</p> <p>There is no minimum commitment percentage of the working time required to the PI. The cumulative % commitment that the PI spends on the ERC PoC action and on the main ERC StG/CoG/AdG/SyG Grant does not exceed 100%.</p> <p>The host institution support letter needs to be printed on the paper with the official letterhead of the Host Institution, originally signed, stamped and dated by the institution's legal representative. Document(s) in any other language must be provided together with a certified translation into English.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>On-line application on the Participant Portal: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/login">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/login</a></p> <p>1) <b>Administrative form</b> (Part A, on-line on the Participant Portal): (i) General information: Data related to the ERC project, Abstract &amp; objectives (will be publicly available), Declarations; (ii) Participants &amp; contacts: PI &amp; HI; (iii) Budget; (iv) Ethics; (v) Call specific questions (applicant &amp; Project Office)</p> <p>2) <b>Research proposal</b> (Part B, use template, upload in PDF, max 7 pages + references): (1) The idea – excellence in innovation potential (max 2 pages): (a) Succinct description of the idea to be taken to PoC, the problem, the solution; (b) Demonstration of innovation potential; (2) The expected impact (max 2 pages): (a) Identification &amp; description of any effect or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy/services; (b) Outline of the value creation process: effectiveness of the project's outcomes, IPR strategy, knowledge transfer strategy; (3) The PoC plan (max 3 pages): (a) Project-management plan including risk &amp; contingency measures; (b) Description of the team; (c) Plan of the activities; Action description (applicant &amp; Project Office)</p> <p>3) <b>Commitment of the Host Institution</b> (use template) (Project Office &amp; Director)</p> <p>4) <b>Other documentation needed on eligibility and ethics issues</b>, i.e. ethical self-assessment if relevant (applicant &amp; Project Office)</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Single-step evaluation:</p> <p><b>1) Excellence in innovation potential</b></p> <p>Does the proposed proof of concept activity greatly help move the output of research towards the initial steps of a process leading to a commercial or social innovation?</p> <p>The proposal should include plans for an analysis of whether the project's expected outcomes are innovative or distinctive compared to existing solutions.</p> <p><b>2) Impact</b></p> <p>Is the project to be taken to proof of concept expected to generate any effect or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services and are these appropriately identified in the proposal?</p> <p>Does the proposal provide a suitable outline of how the commercialisation or the generation of the above listed benefits will be achieved?</p> <p>The proposal should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plans to assess and validate the effectiveness of the project's outcomes;</li> <li>- plans to clarify the IPR position and strategy or knowledge transfer strategy;</li> <li>- plans for setting up contacts with industry partners, societal or cultural organisations, policymakers or any other potential 'end users' of the projects' results.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>3) Quality and efficiency of the implementation</b> (Quality of the proof of concept plan)</p> <p>Does the proposal provide a reasonable and acceptable plan of activities against clearly identified objectives and towards establishing the feasibility of the project?</p> <p>This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a sound project-management plan, including appropriate risk and contingency planning;</li> <li>- demonstration that the activities will be conducted by persons well qualified for the purpose;</li> <li>- demonstration that the resources described in the proposal are appropriate for the implementation of the project.</li> </ul>
Research areas	<p>Life Sciences (9 panels): (LS1) Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Structural Biology &amp; Molecular Biophysics; (LS2) Genetics, Omics, Bioinformatics &amp; System Biology; (LS3) Cellular &amp; Developmental Biology; (LS4) Physiology, Pathophysiology &amp; Endocrinology; (LS5) Neuroscience &amp; Neural Disorders; (LS6) Immunity &amp; Infection; (LS7) Applied Medical Technologies, Diagnostics, Therapies &amp; Public Health; (LS8) Ecology, Evolution &amp; Environmental Biology; (LS9) Applied Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Molecular &amp; Biosystems Engineering</p> <p>Physical Sciences &amp; Engineering (10 panels): (PE1) Mathematics; (PE2) Fundamental Constituents of Matter; (PE3) Condensed Matter Physics; (PE4) Physical &amp; Analytical Chemical Sciences; (PE5) Synthetic Chemistry &amp; Materials; (PE6) Computer Science &amp; Informatics; (PE7) Systems &amp; Communication Engineering; (PE8) Products &amp; Processes Engineering; (PE9) Universe Sciences; (PE10) Earth System Science</p> <p>Social Sciences &amp; Humanities (6 panels): (SH1) Individuals, Markets &amp; Organisations; (SH2) Institutions, Values, Environment &amp; Space; (SH3) The Social World, Diversity, Population; (SH4) The Human Mind &amp; Complexity; (SH5) Cultures &amp; Cultural Production; (SH6) The Study of the Human Past</p>
Call workshop	<p>FAQs: <a href="https://erc.europa.eu/funding/frequently-asked-questions/results">https://erc.europa.eu/funding/frequently-asked-questions/results</a></p> <p><b>Tue 27 Nov 2018 09:00–15:00 National Information Day about ERC</b></p> <p>Charles University, Vlastenecký sál, Karolinum, Ovocný trh 5, Prague 1</p> <p><a href="https://www.h2020.cz/cs/vynikajici-veda/evropska-vyzkumna-rada-erc/akce/narodni-informacni-den-o-grantech-erc-national-information-day">https://www.h2020.cz/cs/vynikajici-veda/evropska-vyzkumna-rada-erc/akce/narodni-informacni-den-o-grantech-erc-national-information-day</a></p>
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Download documents	<p>ERC-PoC-2019-1 summary</p> <p>ERC-PoC-2019 guidelines</p> <p>ERC-PoC-2019 proposal template</p> <p>ERC-PoC-2019 guide for reviewers</p> <p>ERC Rules for Submission</p> <p>ERC Work Programme 2019 (pages 39–45)</p>